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Chapter 1

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"BlackStar, Quick!" LittleCloud's new called from the nursery, the large Tom jumped down from the flat rock (idk what it's called) and marched towards the medicine cat, "what's wrong?" He mewed anxiously. "Y/M/N, she's kitting!"

Already? It was too soon! The ShadowClan leader ran towards the nursery were his mate lay, trying her best to push. "It's alright dear...don't worry!"

She let out a distressed yowl as the first kit came out, a small P/c she-cat let out frustrated mews as LittleCloud licked her, then a small frail Tom-kit was born after, however he was stillborn...

Y/M/N then stared closing her eyes, breath becoming shallow. "She's bleeding out!" LittleCloud said in distress, RunningNose had now come in to try and stop the bleeding but to no avail. "No, I can't have you dying on me, please! Stay with me, Y/M/N, your kit needs you..."

"I'm sorry dear," she whispered, "I can't hold on...I'll watch over her...and you, in StarClan..." her head then landed on the ground and her flank laid still. BlackStar let out a yowl, K/n joining with him as she was crying for her mothers milk.

The white Tom walked across ShadowClan's territory with his deputy, RussetFur, and his only kit in his jaws, they reached the thunderpath but stopped. "BlackStar, are you sure you want to go through with this?" The dark ginger she-cat whispered as they gazed towards the forest, BlackStar nodded, "if anyone would take her in...it's FireStar, remember he has SandStorm with two beautiful daughters, she'll fit in."

RussetFur heavily sighed as BlackStar walked across the thunder path and into ThunderClan's territory, a patrol of CloudTail, AshFur

and DustPelt caught them, "what are you doing here, BlackStar?" CloudTail snarled, ruffling his fur.

DustPelt narrowed his eyes at CloudTail, then turned towards the ShadowClan cats. "Why have you come here?"

"We need to speak with FireStar...Please," The white Tom said, desperation edged his voice, surprisingly the ThunderClan cats. DustPelt nodded and the patrol led them to camp. "FireStar, BlackStar requests to see you."

The ginger Tom poked his head out of his den and nodded, BlackStar told RussetFur to wait outside as he joined FireStar in his den, "what is it that you came here for, BlackStar?"

FireStar then noticed the kit in his jaws, who now started crying for milk and warmth, "is that...your kit?"

"Yes it is, but, Y/m/n died giving birth and her brother was stillborn, I can't care for her so I please ask, no beg, of you to take her in with your kits..." he explained. FireStar was taken aback by the Tom's tone but nodded and then took the kit away from BlackStar, "she'll be in safe paws with us...don't worry."

BlackStar nodded and joined RussetFur back to ShadowClan, I'm sorry y/m/n...I can't do it, I'm not strong enough.

FireStar padded towards the nursery we're SandStorm lay with his daughters, "who is that, FireStar?"

"BlackStar's only surviving kit, K/n, her mother died and her brother didn't make it," he whispered, "he asked if we could take care of her-"

"Of course we can!" The cream she-cat quickly said as FireStar put her down near SandStorm, she started suckling immediately. Once she was finished SquirrelKit and LeafKit sniffed her scent, but still huddled close to her, FireStar couldn't help but smile.

AshFur then walked in, "how's K/n?" He whispered, his eyes then fell on the three bundles of fur and smiled happily. "What brings you here, AshFur?"

"O-oh, I was wondering if I could possibly Mentor K/n?" He mewed, FireStar cocked his eyebrow up in question, "I'll think about it..."

The grey flecked tom thanked his leader before bouncing off to talk to ThornClaw.

"A/n..." The she-cat opened her eyes and looked up at her mentor, AshFur. He gave her a soft smile, "get some food before we go out, I'm going to show you some battle training."

She nodded before standing up and yawning, her sister, SquirrelPaw, wasn't in her nest? She knew exactly what AshFur did. "Why did you let me sleep in again, AshFur!"

The grey Tom turned to her, "because of how much work you do, that's why," A/n's tail twitched with irritation, he always lets her sleep in, no matter what and it makes her look bad. "Also my sisters kits were just born, do you want to see them?"

The p/c she-cat nodded before going to the nursery with her mentor, "FernCloud, A/n is here to see the kits," AshFur mewed. The dark grey flecked she-cat smiled, "hello A/n, these kits are beautiful aren't they?"

A/n crouched beside the queen and looked at the three kits curled up, "they're wonderful! What are they're names?" FernCloud then pointed towards each of them whilst saying their names. "HollyKit, LarchKit and BirchKit, they will grow up to be fine warriors..."

AshFur then cleared his throat, "we will leave you alone now, sister, you need to rest." FernCloud said goodbye and they left the nursery. "Get some fresh kill and we will leave."

A/n nodded, however she heard the elders whispering about her, but she smiled and ignored them like always, before walking towards the fresh kill pile and took a shrew and ate it. "All cats old enough to catch they're own prey, gather beneath the high rock for a clan meeting!"

Everyone gathered around as FireStar sat himself on the leaders rock, "it is time for one of our apprentice to become a warrior," he

began, "SorrelPaw, step forward."

The calico she-cat stepped forward, a/n remembered that SootFur and RainWhisker have been made Warriors already because their sister was grazed by a monster.

"Do you promise to uphold the warrior code, and protect the clan even at the cost of your own life?" The ginger Tom asked, SorrelPaw nodded. "Then by the powers of StarClan I give you your warrior name, SorrelPaw from this day forward, you'll be know as SorrelTail. StarClan honours your courage and patience and welcomes you as a full warrior if ThunderClan!"

"SorrelTail! SorrelTail!" The clan all cheered and the calico smiled as she heard her brothers cheering the loudest. The meeting was dismissed and A/n and AshFur went on the Dawn patrol with BrambleClaw and ThornClaw.

"Alright, we should split up to hunt, AshFur and ThornClaw can hunt near sunning rocks, me and BrambleClaw will go near the twoleg nests," DustPelt ordered, "A/n you can decide on where you go, except SnakeRocks."

A/n nodded as the warriors quickly left, she then had the idea, why should she listen? She was never allowed near SnakeRocks so why not go there.

She quickly padded towards SnakeRocks, only to hear a rustle in the grass, and a shrew poked its head out and groomed itself, A/n dropped into a crouch and crept up on it, and then ran at it, catching it in her paws and giving it a quick bite it the neck, she hid her catch under the riots of a Tree and tried tasting the air for more prey.

A Squirrel...A/n did her Crouch again making sure to make no noise, however the Red furred creature tried to quickly flee up a tree, the she-cat was faster though and she swatted it off the back before it could get out of her reach and Killed it.

Putting the Squirrel away she decided to try and catch one last piece of prey before someone finds her here, she soon Found a

mouse, but when she tried to creep up on it, she stepped on a twig, causing it to snap and the mouse fled.

"Fox-dung!" She hissed in annoyance, however her voice was clearly too loud and she flinched, someone will be coming any moment and find her!

She then heard noises from the other side of the thunderpath and her ears flattened in fear, she slowly turned and saw ShadowClan cats staring at her, their leader BlackStar was among them.

Why were they staring? Did they watch her fail? Do they want something? The patrol finally moved one, but BlackStar stayed in one place...

However OakFur insisted him to move, he eventually did, but his amber eyes stayed on her until she quickly fled into the bushes with her shrew and Squirrel.

"And what are you doing here?" A/n squeaked, and bumped into someone, she looked up to see AshFur staring down at her, "I told you to not come here! FireStar told all of us to keep you away from the Thunderpath."

"But Why, AshFur?" She mumbled, "why can't I be here? Has ShadowClan done something?" The grey Tom opened his mouth, but quickly shut it, A/n stared down at the ground, AshFur then curled his tail around her, "it's something I can't tell you, not yet at least, wait until your older, alright?"

A/n nodded as she followed AshFur back to camp with her prey. She noticed SquirrelPaw had returned with DustPelt, but was now bickering with BrambleClaw, she rolled her eyes and walked over to then. "What's going on?" She hissed.

"SquirrelPaw needs to learn when to keep her nose out of someone's business!" BrambleClaw glared at the apprentice who rolled her eyes in response, "it's not my fault you've been sneaking off to meet your sister because of some dream."

The dark tabby's eyes widened and W/n decides to leave them

alone with their problems. Then went to see her sister in the medicine den, "hey LeafPaw," she greeted the light brown tabby who gave her a nod in response.

"You doing alright, A/n?" She asked, A/n shook her head. "AshFur told me off for going close to the thunderpath..."

CinderPelt then quickly spoke up, "he just wants to keep you safe, that's all." LeafPaw gave her mentor a questionable look but shrugged it off, A/n decided to try and help with the herbs before leaving for the elders den. "A/n could you go and get some more cobwebs?" LeafPaw asked, "you'll be able to find them in small dens or maybe on trees."

The she-cat nodded and went to leave camp, "where are you going?" A/n rolled her eyes as she heard AshFur's voice. "I was going to fetch cobwebs for LeafPaw..."

The grey warrior then smiled and went to exit the den, "how about I join you?" He offered, A/n didn't want to say no to her mentor so she only nodded and the two set off to find the cobwebs. "Did LeafPaw say we're they would be?"

"Yes, they could possibly be found in small dens and trees," the p/c she-cat explained, she grabbed a stick of the ground and begun her search.

AshFur had also grabbed a stick, however A/n knew that he had only followed because of what happened. She spotted a Cobweb between two rocks, with the stick, she collected the web by twirling the stick in her jaws until the web was covering it.

Her mentor had found a Cobweb between the roots of a tree, once he collected it they both headed back to camp. "Thank you, AshFur and A/n," CinderPelt and LeafPaw took the sticks and put them down with their other herbs.

"You should rest up," LeafPaw said to her sister, "it looks like you've been through a lot." A/n nodded and left the medicine den, AshFur quickly reminded her to rest and also suggested that she eats before resting.

The apprentice grabbed a sparrow out of the pile and sat with SquirrelPaw, "hello, SquirrelPaw," A/n greeted, The ginger she-cat greeted her back happily, "so what's up with you and BrambleClaw?"

"Oh, he's just being really strange, also he finds me annoying because I followed him and DustPelt to the twoleg place!" She huffed taking a bite out of her Mouse, whilst A/n finished plucking the feathers off her sparrow and bit into it. "Who's going to the gathering?" SquirrelPaw asked.

A/n shrugged, "I don't know, but I'm guessing I'm going because I was told to rest up by LeafPaw, then AshFur reminded me seconds later!" The ginger she-cat purred in amusement.

"AshFur has always acted weird around you, A/n!" She mewed, The apprentice gave her a weird look but SquirrelPaw finished her mouse and left, A/n quickly ate her sparrow and went into the Apprentice den, and fell into a nice sleep.

Chapter 2

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"A/n...wake up..." the she-cat opened her eyes and saw AshFur's blue eyes staring into her E/c ones. "It's time for the gathering."

She nodded as the grey flecked tom left the apprentice den, A/n yawned and lifted herself up, when she exited the Apprentice den, she saw FireStar with GreyStripe, CinderPelt, LeafPaw, SquirrelPaw, BrambleClaw, DustPelt, BrightHeart, CloudTail and MouseFur.

A/n happily jumped over to her sisters and FireStar chuckled, "alright, are we all ready?" The chosen warriors nodded and FireStar lead his warriors to FourTrees.

"Now A/n," AshFur meowed, "I don't want to see you speaking with any of the ShadowClan cats." FireStar had quickly turned his head to face the grey warrior. "I think she can speak with them at gatherings, AshFur she's not a kit."

"I agree, if AshFur is so concerned I can stay with A/n?" BrambleClaw suggested, AshFur reluctantly nodded and soon ThunderClan had made it to the gathering.

Everyone split up and A/n quickly spotted the ShadowClan apprentices, BrambleClaw quickly followed her, "you don't mind me staying with you, right?"

"No I don't mind, besides your a breath of fresh air, AshFur has been suffocating me..." A/n admitted, "so thank you BrambleClaw."

The dark tabby nodded, as A/n sat with the ShadowClan apprentices and spoke to them. And eventually the gathering takes place.

TallStar cleared this throat, "WindClan have been suffering from the dry weather and finding prey has been hard."

"RiverClan have been doing well," LeopardStar announced, "TallStar, I will give your clan permission to come into RiverClan territory to drink from the river, also we have two new warriors HawkFrost and MothWing."

FireStar then spoke, "ThunderClan has welcomed our new apprentices, SquirrelPaw, LeafPaw and A/n, our prey has been running well."

ShadowClan's Leader, BlackStar seemed shaken up to hear ThunderClan's news, but he quickly shook it off, "ShadowClan has been doing great, however a few twoleg's have been seen roaming around."

The gathering quickly ended and A/n didn't really want to walk back to ThunderClan with AshFur, so she stuck around BrambleClaw and the warrior didn't mind at all.

However AshFur would constantly look back at them with Jealousy in his eyes.

Soon the sun rose and A/n woke up early, she wanted to be on the patrol. She Spotted FireStar and BrambleClaw speaking and quickly padded towards them.

"Can I join the patrol today?" A/n asked her father, the ginger Tom was about to say no, however BrambleClaw stepped in, "I think you should tag along!"

"Alright, you can join," FireStar agreed, "might as well as you are awake at this time." A/n couldn't help but laugh, SquirrelPaw and DustPelt then joined them as they walked to the ShadowClan boarder.

Luckily there was no ShadowClan patrol, the five cats sniffed around and marked the boarders, "everything seems fine here," DustPelt said.

"Let's check RiverClan's boarders," FireStar ordered, BrambleClaw scoffed. "WindClan are bound to cause trouble because of the dry weather..."

SquirrelPaw then turned to the warrior, ready to pick a fight, "well I disagree!" The two cats bickered until FireStar finally separated them, "that's enough! Let's go to RiverClan!"

All five cats walked to the RiverClan boarder, BrambleClaw and SquirrelPaw didn't want to be near each other, however both wanted to be near A/n.

But what they saw wasn't pleasant, the WindClan patrol was in they're territory, with prey from RiverClan's territory. As they approached, MudClaw quickly hissed at them, CrowPaw did the same. "Here's the noble ThunderClan! Come to stop us?"

"No...your not stealing from us anyway," FireStar said carefully. "But I suggest you leave before RiverClan gets here," A/n added.

CrowPaw glared at her, "we will take as much prey as we want!" The black Tom then leaped at A/n however before he could do enough damage OneWhisker came and threw him off, "Stop CrowPaw! Let's just leave..."

The WindClan cats quickly leave with the stolen prey as the ThunderClan patrol watched them disappear. "Alright, let's head back."

The patrol returned and A/n quickly padded towards the fresh kill pile, hungry from the patrol, she picked out a nice Black bird a plucked the feather out before eating it, when she was finished, AshFur approached her.

"You have your hunting assessment coming up tomorrow A/n," the grey tom stated, "please prepare for it as it's very important."

A/n nodded as AshFur left, so with her hunting assessment coming up, she left camp and did what her mentor said. When she came back to camp the sun was starting to set, she had caught two shrews and three mice, however she would've also caught a pigeon if it didn't hear her...

She placed her prey in the pile and decided to visit FernCloud in the nursery, when she entered the nursery, the grey she-cat was about

to doze off, however A/N's presence made her open her green eyes.

"I'm sorry FernCloud! I didn't mean to wake you..." she mewed in embarrassment, FernCloud purred and shook her head, "it's quite alright, I wasn't really asleep anyway."

The two talked about the kits, and A/n's hunting assessment before night soon came, FernCloud said goodbye and W/n quickly left for the Apprentice den and fell asleep.

A/n woke up feeling nervous, she knew she had practiced but still, she couldn't shake the feeling of failing. "Are you ready A/n?"

"Yes...I think so," she mumbled, trying to ease her nerves, AshFur nodded and they both left camp. Once in the middle of the forest, the two cats sat down, "SquirrelPaw will also be joining you on this assessment," AshFur meowed.

DustPelt nodded, "so, your task is to catch as much prey as you can before sun high, remember we will be watching you."

The two apprentices nodded, SquirrelPaw gave A/n a wide smile, and the p/c she-cat rolled her eyes playfully. "Now, go!"

A/n quickly rose to her paws as the two warriors left her and SquirrelPaw alone, "I bet I can catch the most!"

"No way! I'll catch all the prey the forest has to offer!" A/n challenged, She then ran towards the RiverClan boarder.

Suddenly she heard a rustle, a Mouse appeared from the reeds, A/n dropped into a hunting crouch and caught it, burying the prey in a small hole she continued to search.

Catching a shrew and another mouse. She wanted to at least catch one more, and she spotted a Vole, she crouched down, pricking her ears for any noise, then leaped at the Vole and killed it.

"What are you doing on RiverClan Territory?" A/n jumped at the voice that snarled at her, a brown tabby with icy blue eyes approached her.

"I-I'm sorry! I didn't even know I crossed the boarder!" A/n quickly backed away, before This RiverClan warrior could harm her another voice called. "HawkFrost, drop it, she's just an apprentice!" It was MistyFoot.

HawkFrost just scoffed and stared at A/n, who's ear were flattened in fear, "if I find you on our territory again, I'll shred you!" He whispered before walking away, A/n snatched her vole up and quickly fled. "What's AshFur going to think...?"

The grey Tom then appeared from the bushes, "I saw what happened..." he whispered, "but I'll say you passed, even with the mistake of trespassing on RiverClan's territory."

A/n nodded slowly and picked up her four pieces of prey, SquirrelPaw and DustPelt were sat in the place they started, the ginger she-cat stared at A/n's catches, "you caught four? Fox-dung! I only caught three!"

This sort of lightened A/n's mood, but still she did sort of steal the final catch from RiverClan...

A/n stayed in camp for the rest of the day, AshFur tried to tell her it was an accident but soon finally agreed to keep her in camp as acting punishment.

The apprentice was bringing the elders some prey, "hello everyone!" LongTail was the first to quickly greet A/n, after all he would always tell her the greatest stories! "Hello A/n, how's the apprentice training going?"

"Umm I passed my Hunting assessment," she said sheepishly, "but I accidentally went into RiverClan territory..."

SpeckleTail shook her head, "don't worry about it dear, we've all made mistakes in our lives as apprentices." FrostFur nodded in agreement, "even FireStar has made mistakes."

A/n gave the elders their food and gossiped about the warriors and their time as apprentices, "then there was that RavenPaw..." DappleTail said, "oh he was a bundle of nerves that kid,

unfortunately he had to leave the clans after he witnessed that TigerStar kill RedTail!"

She had heard all the stories of TigerStar, how he almost destroyed the clans, he killed innocent cats and after all that he was murdered by a small cat named scourge.

"I suppose you should be heading off now, A/n," FrostFur suggested, grooming her fur. The apprentice nodded and said goodbye to the elders.

Then, she saw RavenPaw speaking to BrambleClaw about something, however A/n didn't want to listen in to their conversation so she decided to help LeafPaw.

All the warriors were asleep in camp, the half moon was above in the sky and A/n found herself woken up by SquirrelPaw, who was sneaking out of camp.

"LeafPaw!" A/n whisper yelled into the medicine den, her mouth dropped when she saw her carrying some travelling herbs, "I know, I saw them leaving too."

Them? It wasn't only SquirrelPaw? A/n and LeafPaw walked through the forest until they saw SquirrelPaw and BrambleClaw at FourTrees.

"Please take these travelling herbs," LeafPaw nudged them towards the two cats, who ate the bitter tasting leaves. "Wait, what's going on? Why are you leaving?"

BrambleClaw sighed, "StarClan has been sending me messages, we need to travel to the sun drown place, with TawnyPelt, FeatherTail and CrowPaw..."

"These dreams that BrambleClaw has been having could mean that danger is coming to the forest!" SquirrelPaw blurted out.

Rustling was heard from the bushes surrounding FourTrees, "we should go..." A/n said, they quickly exchanged goodbyes before going back to Camp, planing to not tell anyone about the two cats that have left...

When A/n woke up, she heard the many worries voices of the warriors, clearly knowing that SquirrelPaw and BrambleClaw have Disappeared.

"A/n do you know where SquirrelPaw is?" AshFur quickly approached his apprentice as she emerged from the den.

"No I haven't," She yawned, "why?" The grey Tom looked around, "she's nowhere to be seen!"

FireStar then hopped onto the leaders rock, "I'll send out a search party, "BrightHeart, SandStorm, DustPelt and AshFur, look everywhere you can!"

The patrol headed out as quick as they could, A/n felt guilty for not saying where they disappeared to, but it was probably for the best...

Many days pass and ThunderClan were beginning to loose hope, some thinking that the two cats had left the clan for good, and some thinking that they were possibly killed by something.

A/n was walking around with LeafPaw and (the best body guard) SorrelTail. "Soo...what are we trying to find again?" A/n asked the medicine cat apprentice.

LeafPaw rolled her eyes, "for the last time, we are looking for Celandine, think of it as a buttercup." A/n and SorrelTail nodded.

The p/c she-cat then saw WindClan being chased out of RiverClan territory, "and don't come back!" HawkFrost cackled as the swift cats fled.

MistyFoot then turned to the three RiverClan cats, "by the way, have you three seen FeatherTail or StormFur? They've been missing for days!"

LeafPaw and A/n exchange glances as the RiverClan deputy quickly left. The three cats found the Celandine and made their way back to camp.

"FireStar!" A/n called for her father, the ginger Tom turned around and stared at her with a raised brow. "We met MistyFoot at the

boarder, apparently FeatherTail and StormFur are also missing."

The leader nodded in acknowledgment, A/n tried to keep it cool and not let the secret be revealed, "this could possibly mean that ShadowClan and WindClan are missing cats too..."

"But we will only know at the next gathering," BrackenFur added in. A/n could only wonder how her sister and BrambleClaw were getting on.

Chapter 3

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Eventually, the full moon was in the sky and the gathering was going to take place, "I wonder if SquirrelPaw is alright...I miss her a little." AshFur heavily sighed.

A/n felt a pant of jealousy when AshFur spoke about her sister like that, but she shook it off, besides she and SquirrelPaw are apprentices.

ThunderClan soon arrive to FourTrees and the clans quickly started the gathering, FireStar spoke first, "prey is currently running well, however we have lost two of our cats, SquirrelPaw and BrambleClaw.

"We have lost FeatherTail and StormFur," LeopardStar meowed. BlackStar then jumped in, "ShadowClan is missing TawnyPelt."

TallStar then stared at his WindClan cats for a second, "we are also missing a cat, our apprentice CrowPaw, also Twoleg's have been doing things on our territory."

The golden RiverClan then narrowed her eyes at TallStar, "which reminds me, TallStar I take back my permission to let you WindClan cats drink from our river.

The black and white leader then agreed and then HawkFrost snapped, "I've seen WindClan stealing our prey!"

FireStar shook his head, "I believe you miss saw something, I highly doubt WindClan would take prey." Clearly he wasn't going to bring up that he saw it with his own eyes.

Soon the gathering ended and ThunderClan all rested up for the night, once Dawn Came, FireStar, GreyStipe, SandStorm CloudTail and A/n went on patrol and a rumbling was heard from the thunderpath.

The cats all ran there and saw huge yellow monsters with large claws, the forest was being broken apart and the noise they were making was deafening. "We need to report this back to ThunderClan!" CloudTail yelled over the noise everyone agreed and fled back to camp.

FireStar leaped onto the rock, "all cats old enough to catch their own prey, gather for a clan meeting." Everyone gathered and the ginger Tom gave a worried look, "our patrol came back and we saw twoleg's destroying the forest, I urge you all to be careful, dismissed."

DustPelt scoffed, "it must of been a dream FireStar..." A/n and CloudTail glared at him. "How was it a dream if we were on the patrol?" The white Tom hissed.

"We need to speak with BlackStar," FireStar meowed, "I'll take CinderPelt, LeafPaw, GreyStripe, BrackenFur and A/n."

AshFur was about to intervene however SandStorm stopped him. "Let's go, ThunderClan."

A/n walked beside LeafPaw, her paws tingling in excitement, she was going to actually cross the ShadowClan boarder!

The patrol then met up with ShadowClan's patrol, RussetFur was leading them, "are you trying to trespass?"

"No we came to speak to BlackStar," BrackenFur stated, OakFur scoffed, "here comes the great ThunderClan here to boss everyone around!"

The two patrols started to bicker, "enough!" FireStar yowled, every cat looked at him. "Fine, CedarHeart, warn BlackStar of these ThunderClan cats..."

RussetFur guided ThunderClan to ShadowClan's camp, the white Tom didn't seem interested in what FireStar had to say, "it's just Twoleg activity, they'll move on eventually..."

He didn't seem to notice A/n at all, "RussetFur, send them back where they belong." The red tabby nodded and ThunderClan was

forced to leave back to camp.

Back at Camp, A/n was finishing her mouse when LeafPaw came over to her, "me and SorrelTail were planning on checking WindClan, you wanna join?"

"Sounds fun, I think I will join," She mewed, the three she-cats then left camp and wander over to the moors. "Something seems off..." LeafPaw said.

A/n looked at her funny, "what do you mean?" The brown tabby pointed towards dead rabbits just laying there. "Are you stealing prey?!"

The she-cats looked and saw a WindClan patrol bolting towards them, "run!" SorrelTail yowled, they didn't hesitate and ran off the moors and into RiverClan's territory.

"That was close!" A/n panted, "I'm going back to camp..."

Few more days pass and there was no sign of SquirrelPaw nor BrambleClaw, ThunderClan tried going to WindClan about them stealing prey only for it to go horribly wrong.

As A/n was laying around in the clearing, AshFur nudges her, "what is it?" The grey warrior stared down at her, "you seem bored, how about you go and see the elders?"

The apprentice lifted herself up and listened to AshFur's idea. However when she entered the elders den, only LongTail was awake, he immediately caught on to her scent, "hello A/n..."

"Hey LongTail," she greeted and crouched beside him, "how are you?" The cream cat chuckled, "could be better, why are you here?"

A/n looked at the ground, "I miss SquirrelPaw and BrambleClaw, that's all..." LongTail then scoffed, they've probably left!"

The she-cat flattened her ears, she couldn't tell him anything. The blind cat then shook his fur, "if you could, can you bring me a nice Shrew?"

"Of course!" A/n chirped, she jumped away and towards the fresh kill pile, and picked up a shrew, and gave the prey to LongTail, "thank you A/n, how about you go and hunt with AshFur?"

Four days passed and CinderPelt and LeafPaw had returned from their nightly meeting with the other medicine cats, "FireStar," The grey she-cat said, "WindClan have had trouble in the moors, they're rabbits have been poisoned."

The ginger Tom nodded, "we will have to stop eating rabbits then...get rid of them!" A/n and LeafPaw started to remove two rabbits out of the pile.

DappleTail then walked by, "what are you doing with such good prey?" A/n blinked at her a few times. "They can't be eaten, they've been-"

"Nonsense! We shouldn't waste such good prey!" The tortoiseshell snapped, before LeafPaw could explain the elder bit into the prey and quickly ate it, leaving the apprentices shocked.

"LeafPaw! We need to gather more fresh herbs!" CinderPelt called from the entrance, "I'll see you later A/n..." The warrior apprentice nodded as the medicine cats left, AshFur then came over to her.

"I was thinking of doing some battle training," he said, "are you up for that?" A/n nodded, finally happy to get out and do something.

Whilst the two were participating in battle training, DappleTail had died from eating the poisoned rabbit, A/n would think of her as stupid...however she was the oldest elder there.

Everyone was currently walking away and continuing they're duties LeafPaw then approached A/n, "have you heard? BrightHeart and CloudTail have gone missing!"

"Yeah, it seems unsettling that they have just...disappeared," A/n whispered, AshFur then sat beside his apprentice. "Don't worry, I'm sure they will return..." but The p/c she-cat heard uncertainty in his voice.

Suddenly a yowl was heard from the nursery...it sounded like FernCloud! AshFur quickly jumped to his paws to check on his sister, DustPelt then collapsed on the ground.

"What happened?" FireStar questioned to the brown tabby, "LarchKit...is dead"

The next day had come and the clan had grown thin, after LarchKit had died, AshFur had mourned with his sister and DustPelt, So A/n decided to go out of camp with LeafPaw and SorrelTail, "there's more twoleg monsters around..." A/n mumbled in worry, "maybe they are the reason BrightHeart and CloudTail are missing?"

LeafPaw could only shrug. "It's most likely..." SorrelTail meowed, they suddenly heard the ground shake, a twoleg monster with a large claw towered over them, the three she-cat ran towards RiverClan territory to avoid the large beast.

"Too close!" LeafPaw squeaked, SorrelTail shook her fur, calming down. When the ground finally settled the warrior started hunting.

A/n then started to panic, "SorrelTail!" Before she could warn the tortoiseshell she-cat, HawkFrost came and pinned her down, "What are you doing on our territory?!"

"Please let her go!" LeafPaw begged as the brown tabby Tom unsheathed his claws on SorrelTail's fur. He then narrowed his eyes at A/n, "you again..."

"Let SorrelTail go, she didn't mean any harm, it was a misunderstanding," A/n tried to reason, HawkFrost laughed, "oh where have I heard that before?"

MothWing then revealed herself, "HawkFrost, let her go..." The dark tabby growled at his sister. "She should be taken to LeopardStar!"

"You've only started acting so harsh and powerful ever since MistyFoot disappeared and LeopardStar made you deputy!" The golden tabby spat back.

The two siblings fought until MothWing mentioned how ThunderClan will be great full to RiverClan as they get weaker,

HawkFrost finally agreed to let the Tortoiseshell go.

The three she-cat quickly left, but A/n could see venom in HawkFrost's eyes as he glared at her, the p/c she-cat quickly walked back to camp for the night.

The next morning, A/n woke up as AshFur informed her about going on the Dawn patrol, However GreyStripe stopped them. "There won't be a patrol at this time..."

"And why's that?" AshFur became defensive and A/n rolled her eyes. "Me and MouseFur were attacked by Twoleg's, it's unsafe for us to go and leave camp."

AshFur grumbled as the dark grey warrior walked off, A/n tried to look in the fresh kill pile for some food, however only found a small mouse...

Have the elders and queens been fed? She tried to give the piece of prey to FernCloud but she refused, the elders also refused, telling A/n that she would need it more.

So A/n ate the scrawny prey as SpiderPaw was talking about his training. Then SorrelTail came into camp in distress, "LeafPaw has been taken by the twoleg's!"

Days had passed and there was no sign of the travelling cats around, nor LeafPaw, CloudTail, BrightHeart or MistyFoot. Due to the twoleg's being in the forest, they had destroyed camp and now ThunderClan was living around Sunningrocks.

"We can't find any prey..." AshFur said to FireStar in a defeated tone, "the twoleg's have cause all the prey to disappear."

A/n was too weak to walk, so she had to stay with FernCloud and her two remaining kits, HollyKit and BirchKit. "I'm so hungry..." she whimpered, trying to lift herself up.

"Don't move dear, I'm sure we can find something around here..." FernCloud said soothingly. A/n couldn't believe her, not after what happened to FourTrees...

CinderPelt stood up and shook her fur, "I'm going to retrieve some more herbs from the medicine den..."

The p/c she-cat felt like she was at StarClan's door, AshFur had now crouched beside her, curling his tail around her struggling body. "You need to keep yourself awake, A/n!"

Then gasps of shock were heard and A/n lifted her head up quickly. BrambleClaw and SquirrelPaw had returned, along with StormFur.

"SquirrelPaw! BrambleClaw!" She mewed weakly, "you've returned!" The two cats were given hostile glares as they were well-fed and the clan was skinny. "I'm glad your back SquirrelPaw, I was so worried about you," AshFur whispered, he didn't even welcome BrambleClaw back.

A/n fought for strength to lift herself up, She stood and walked towards BrambleClaw, "I'm happy to see you again," she said softly. The brown tabby smiled, "at least you welcomed me back..."

StormFur told his father the news of FeatherTail's death, he had to quickly go to RiverClan to explain to LeopardStar.

"The clans are in danger," BrambleClaw informed, "cats from each clan were given a prophecy, and now we must leave the forest."

"Leave the forest?" ShrewPaw questioned. "But this has been our home for many seasons!" CinderPelt argued. But they needed to leave.

There was nothing here for them anymore...

Chapter 4

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I swear it'll get good soon-

"We can rescue LeafPaw, I know where she is!" SquirrelPaw said quickly, A/n shook her fur, "it's too early to go, we should wait." BrambleClaw said to the dark ginger cat before leaving to try and hunt.

"I'll come with you," SorrelTail spoke up, AshFur then nodded. "I'll come too."

The four cats journeyed to where LeafPaw supposedly was, however twoleg's were everywhere and The cats were almost caught. "What are you doing so close to the twoleg's?" GreyStripe questioned.

A/n saw his patrol of ThornClaw and RainWhisker, "we were going to save LeafPaw!" SquirrelPaw stated, then BrambleClaw appeared, "I though you wanted us to wait?"

He shook his head, "I was just looking out for A/n..." She gave him a confused look. "Uh...thanks I guess?" She saw that SquirrelPaw was staring at her with bitterness, and AshFur was glaring at BrambleClaw.

"Let's go and rescue her then," GreyStripe said to break the silence. The group of cats ran in and attacked the twoleg's, LeafPaw, CloudTail, Cody, Sasha and Cole were all freed from their cages.

A/n quickly jumped in and saved MistyFoot before escaping the large monster, "GreyStripe!" A/n called, the grey warrior had released BrightHeart but he was caught in the process, "we can't leave him!"

"It's too dangerous!" AshFur yelled, dragging her by the scruff. Soon enough, A/n stopped fighting her mentor and left, watching as the large white monster drove away.

The days passed and nothing good came around, GreyStripe's capture wasn't taken lightly by FireStar, HollyKit had died that night. And ShrewPaw was killed by a monster.

Worst of all, LeopardStar refused to leave the forest, probably due to her not having as many troubles. A/n scoffed at the thought, she was eating a small mouse that BrambleClaw had caught for her.

Then out of nowhere, TallStar had arrived with WindClan, "FireStar, is it true that the clans are moving? CrowPaw told me of the news..."

"I'm not sure yet, ShadowClan and RiverClan haven't agreed yet," FireStar heavily sighed. A/n looked at the WindClan cats, they were all thin.

"ShadowClan's camp is being destroyed!" TawnyPelt came running towards SunningRocks. "We need help evacuating the camp."

A/n quickly got up to her paws, "I'll help." AshFur quickly shook his head, "no, your staying here!"

She was getting angry, why was he so desperate to baby her?! BrambleClaw cleared his throat, "I believe she should help."

TawnyPelt nodded encouragingly to her brother, "yes, she should help!"

ThunderClan and WindClan all gathered and helped put the ShadowClan cats. "Here...let me help!" A/n came rushing over to BlackStar who was trying to help TallPoppy carry her kits.

"I...thank you A/n..." BlackStar whispered, as he picked up AppleKit, the queen carried MarshKit and BlackStar carried ToadKit. "Are these your kits BlackStar?"

The white Tom nodded, "I also have SnakeTail and SmokeFoot..." he trailed off, seemingly sad about mentioning the toms. TallPoppy jumped in, "let's quickly get out of here!"

The three cats quickly escaped with the kits, however, a tree started to fall and A/n froze in terror, "A/n! Move!" BlackStar yelled

desperately, she had never seen so much fear in his eyes.

However she felt herself being pushed out of the way as a ginger pelt caught her vision. A/n finally came to her senses and saw FireStar crushed.

"Father!" She mewed in worry, the ThunderClan leader was motionless, he was loosing a life, "I'm so sorry..." she whispered. A/n looked at BlackStar and saw a look of hurt in his eyes, TallPoppy tried to comfort him.

Soon FireStar woke up and BrambleClaw helped him from under the tree, the three clans fled to Sunningrocks as ShadowClan's camp was no more.

ShadowClan had to abandon their camp and stay within Sunningrocks, "I believe we should leave the forest," BlackStar stated as he talked with TallStar and FireStar, A/n was currently playing with AppleKit and BirchKit.

"Alright, I've made a moss ball," She mewed as she pushed the ball towards the kits, who happily played with it. Lucky that she was able to borrow a small amount of moss from CinderPelt.

LeopardStar and RiverClan then arrived, "we heard what happened, since ShadowClan has been destroyed, I think it's best that we leave."

The p/c she-cat sighed with relief, finally they were going to leave this place, but...where will they go?

"I believe the travelling cats should lead us, they know where this new home is," FireStar said everyone yowled in agreement and not long the four clans set out.

Soon the clans had made it to the Tribe, A/n had already gotten information off BrambleClaw about them.

"Your welcome to stay for the night," the cat named StoneTeller nodded. The clans settled in and A/n even met a few tribe cats.

"CrowPaw, MudClaw and I believe it's about time you became a

warrior," TallStar announced, the tribe all looked on in curiosity, "do you promise to uphold the warrior code, and defend your clan even at the cost of your life?"

The black Tom nodded, "I do...but can I choose my warrior name?" The four clans whispered to each other and TallStar raised a brow at him, "then what do you choose?"

"CrowFeather," the WindClan Tom said, TallStar nodded, "then by the powers of StarClan I give you your warrior name, CrowPaw, from this day forward you'll be know as CrowFeather, StarClan welcomes you as a Full warrior of WindClan!"

"CrowFeather! CrowFeather!"

A/n suddenly felt pity towards the new warrior, She had remembered that BrambleClaw told her what exactly happened to FeatherTail, and CrowFeather was really close to her.

The apprentice knew that it was technically a half-clan relationship, but she didn't care about that rule...

"Where was FeatherTail buried?" She whispered to BrambleClaw, the brown Tom nodded towards the stone that was placed in the earth, a mound of dirt was seen next to it, "I'm going to pay my respects..."

A/n never knew FeatherTail, but she at least wanted to see her final resting place. She sat in front of the grave, lost in thought as she stared at it. She suddenly felt a pelt next to her's.

CrowFeather had sat down beside her and placed a flower on her grave, "what are you doing here?" He growled, A/n's ears flattened, "I just wanted to pay my respects, that's all..."

The dark Tom huffed and stared sadly at the burial place, "I miss her so much, she was the only cat that ever showed me affection..."

"R-really?" A/n whispered, "is there no one else in WindClan?" CrowFeather shook his head, he then suddenly leaned on A/n, luckily they were mostly the same height. She didn't know what to do in the situation so she put a paw around him and comforted him

silently. "If it makes you feel better...I'll be your friend."

CrowFeather looked at her with hopeful eyes, "really?" A/n nodded and gave him a smile, "yeah, if that's what you would like." The two cats quickly became friends as the clans settled down for the night.

After two days of staying with the tribe, the clans finally move, A/n talked with CrowFeather and BrambleClaw about their journey, however the young she-cat could feel someone watching her, she looked behind her and saw AshFur quickly look away.

"We have made it!" SquirrelPaw said Excitedly, A/n noticed how close the ginger she-cat was with BrambleClaw and smirked at her sister.

But they were finally here!

The four clans slowly made there way towards the lake, A/n was in awe over the sight of it, then FireStar called ThunderClan over.

"I believe we have an apprentice to make into a warrior," he announced, "SquirrelPaw, step forward."

The ginger she-cat did as she was told, her eyes glowing with excitement as she looked up at her father, "From this day toward, You'll be known as SquirrelFlight, StarClan honours you and welcomes you as a full warrior of ThunderClan!"

"SquirrelFlight! SquirrelFlight!"

ThunderClan cheered, however A/n look on with jealousy, she had been training at the exact same time as her sister, why wasn't she becoming a warrior. The p/c she-cat then felt BlackStar sit beside her.

"If it was my choice, I would promote you as well..." he growled as he watched FireStar speaking to OneWhisker with narrowed eyes.

She didn't understand why BlackStar said that, but she felt a little happier hearing that. Then the group of Travelling cats, and MistyFoot, all walked around the lake to see what territory could

suit each clan.

"A/n, Come here!" BrambleClaw had called her and she sighed. "I better go, see you later BlackStar." The ShadowClan leader nodded and went to speak with TallPoppy.

"What is it BrambleClaw?" She mewed, the dark tabby ruffled his fur. "We are preparing to move to our new territory," he stated, however before he and FireStar could lead the clan to this new area, the ginger Tom stepped up on a tree stump, OneWhisker sat next to him.

"I'm afraid to announce that TallStar has passed to StarClan," FireStar started with a heavy sigh, "however, he has decided to make OneWhisker the new deputy of WindClan..."

Immediately MudClaw yowled in anger, "that's not right! Your lying because your friends with TallStar!"

Half of WindClan agreed, saying that it was treachery. OneWhisker shook his head, "no it's true...I'm you would like you can be my deputy?"

The brown tabby shook his head, "I'm not going to be deputy to you!" He spat back, "I will be the true leader, your nothing OneWhisker!"

OneWhisker made his sister AshFoot the deputy instead and the clans all departed for their new territory.

Chapter 5

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As A/n was walking with SquirrelFlight to the hollow, she heard the ginger she-cat mumble about something, "is everything alright?"

"No, BrambleClaw is keen on speaking with HawkFrost!" She huffed, "I don't trust him..."

"Is it because of his father?" The apprentice questioned, SquirrelFlight's eyes widened, she shook her head. "No! Of course not!"

They soon arrived and SpiderPaw almost fell into the hollow, however A/n quickly grabbed him by the scruff and pulled him back, "thanks A/n."

"This doesn't seem to be the right choice for a camp!" MouseFur complain, soon every cat was starting to complain, A/n could see BrambleClaw looking doubtful.

So she walks towards him and places her tail on his shoulders, "don't worry I'm sure they will love it in due time."

A/n notices AshFur glaring at them, so she quickly left BrambleClaw and spoke with AshFur about the new area. "So what do you think?"

The grey Tom smiled at her and looked around at the lush forest, "I believe it's a great place for ThunderClan," he stated. Soon the ThunderClan cats sorted out which den will be which and A/n goes out with AshFur to find Moss for some nests.

"So why hasn't FireStar made you a warrior yet?" AshFur asked as he grabbed moss from a tree near the lake. The p/c she-cat huffed. "I don't know...I'm 12 moons old now! Surely I should of been made a warrior too?"

The grey flecked tom chuckled, "I'll ask him about it-" a sudden angry voice interrupted them, it came from the pine forest. The mentor and apprentice gave each other a worried look before rushing over with the moss left behind.

"What's going on?" A/n mewed, she saw BrambleClaw, ThornClaw, RainWhisker and DustPelt ready to attack RowanClaw and his patrol. The dark ginger Tom looked at her, not with anger, but with sympathy, "this doesn't involve you A/n..." he said firmly.

TawnyPelt shook her fur, "RowanClaw...my brother didn't do anything! We haven't sorted out boarders yet." The ShadowClan warrior glared at her, "of course you would defend them!"

FireStar quickly arrived and broke up the fight, A/n and AshFur now had BrambleClaw with them to collect moss, much to AshFur's disappointment.

The night went by quickly and the next morning, A/n was on a hunting patrol with BrambleClaw, AshFur, BrackenFur and SpiderPaw. FireStar had agreed to make her and SpiderPaw into Warriors if they did well, and A/n was excited.

"Remember A/n, don't go too close to ShadowClan-" AshFur strictly said, however BrambleClaw growled and lashed his tail at the Grey Tom, "she can do whatever she wants! Stop telling her to not go near ShadowClan!"

The two toms argued and BrackenFur rolled his eyes, "you two go along, catch what you can find...I'll sort these two out."

SpiderPaw and A/n quickly left as the golden Tom stopped the fight, soon the two apprentices came back with plenty of prey. This was definitely enough for the clan!

"I bet I caught more prey that you!" The black Tom taunted, A/n rolled her eyes. "No way, I definitely caught more!"

FireStar then appeared from the entrance of the hollow, "stop arguing and come quickly, I'm starting your warrior ceremonies now." SpiderPaw and A/n quickly dashed into the hollow and

placed their prey on the new fresh kill pile. FireStar hopped onto the high ledge and called for a meeting.

A/n noticed that AshFur was speaking with SquirrelFlight whilst BrambleClaw sat with MouseFur. "Let's begin...A/n and SpiderPaw, do you promise to uphold the warrior code and defend your clan even at the cost of your lives?"

"We do," the two apprentices said proudly, AshFur had now finally turned his attention to the ceremony, "then from now on, you'll be known as W/n and SpiderLeg, StarClan welcomes you as full warriors of ThunderClan."

Tonight was the first gathering in the new territory, and of course W/n and SpiderLeg's first gathering as warriors.

As they were walking, W/n wanted to speak with AshFur, however he was busy speaking with SquirrelFlight, and by her face there was something wrong. "You alright, Squilf?"

The ginger cat chuckled at the nickname, "it's BrambleClaw..." she whispered as they looked ahead, "he's hiding something I know it!"

W/n nodded, SquirrelFlight and AshFur went ahead and the p/c she-cat suddenly felt sad, AshFur didn't even congratulate his own apprentice...

"Congratulations on becoming a warrior by the way," she looked to her side and saw BrambleClaw. "Thank you," she whispered, glaring at AshFur, "at least someone is happy for me..."

The clans arrived and W/n sat with BrambleClaw, TawnyPelt and HawkFrost whilst SquirrelFlight sat with AshFur. The gathering was all about the boarders and that was it.

However W/n was approached by BlackStar, "hey, I just wanted to congratulate you on becoming a warrior."

She gave him a weird look, but smiled, "thank you, it means a lot coming from you BlackStar."

The white Tom nodded and there was a sense of pride coming from

him, "W/n!" She heard AshFur call her and the warrior rolled her eyes, after saying goodbye to BlackStar she joined back up with her clan. "Don't speak to him!"

"I'm not an apprentice anymore!" She hissed at him, "I can do what I want!" BrambleClaw and SquirrelFlight then jumped in to separate the two.

That night W/n thought she would be sleeping alone, however BrambleClaw had joined her in her nest whilst SquirrelFlight was with AshFur...

The p/c she-cat woke up and left the den, as she was walking to the fresh kill pile, However, she bumped into someone. And that had to be AshFur.

"Good morning AshFur..." she said bitterly to the grey Tom, he scoffed at her before walking away. W/n felt a pang of sadness from the way he acted, maybe she should apologise?

No...not right now, she thought as she took a Shrew from the fresh kill pile and ate it quickly, BrambleClaw then came up to her, "hey...I was wondering if you wanted to go hunting with me?"

W/n smiled and nodded to the dark tabby, "sounds great!" She purred, ignoring the pink hue visible on the Tom's cheeks.

The two warriors left the hollow and walked around until BrambleClaw heard the prey rustling and caught a mouse. "That a pretty catch, BrambleClaw!"

"Thank you..." he said shyly, taking W/n by surprise, why was he acting like this? "What with all the noise?"

BrambleClaw grumbled in annoyance as SquirrelFlight appeared from the trees, "oh it's just you two..."

The p/c she-cat sensed tension between the two ThunderClan cats and quickly cleared her throat, "maybe we should go towards the ShadowClan boarder?"

AshFur then appeared, great how bad was that timing? He

narrowed his eyes at W/n, "your going there?"

"Yes...of course I am..." she replied Cooley, "why are you so bothered about it?" The grey cat passed her and trailed his tail under her chin, "I just want my eyes on you..."

W/n's eyes widened in surprise, SquirrelFlight quickly walked in the direction of WindClan territory and BrambleClaw looked like he was going to take AshFur's fur out. "Let's go AshFur!" SquirrelFlight quickly said.

The four cats split up and W/n was able to catch a pigeon and a shrew, BrambleClaw had caught a mouth mouse and a sparrow.

Darkness was beginning to flood across the sky, BrambleClaw, W/n, DustPelt and CloudTail were on the evening patrol near ShadowClan territory.

As they were marking however, MistyFoot was seen running towards them, "what does a RiverClan cat want?" DustPelt mumbled.

"It's urgent!" She huffed, maybe she shouldn't run so much with her getting old, "I need to speak with FireStar!"

The patrol lead her to ThunderClan camp and soon they knew about the attack MudClaw and HawkFrost had planned and cats from WindClan, RiverClan and ShadowClan are going with them.

W/n jumps into battle as a screech is heard from WindClan, she runs with BrambleClaw and the two fight off CedarHeart. "I can't believe HawkFrost would do this..." he muttered.

"Stop wining, more fighting!" W/n growled, rolling her eyes at him. SquirrelFlight then soon Fights by BrambleClaw's side and W/n fights WebFoot with AshFur.

W/n is then shook by a bolt of lightning hitting a tree, it falls and the fighting stops. BrambleClaw went that direction...

AshFur and W/n quickly sprinted towards the Fallen tree and Saw SquirrelFlight and BrambleClaw standing there, "what happened?"

"A tree was struck and killed MudClaw," HawkFrost stated, "it's a sign that MudClaw wasn't the right leader."

W/n walks towards BrambleClaw, "are you hurt?" The brown Tom shook his head then suddenly nuzzled into W/N's fur, causing AshFur and SquirrelFlight to look at them with Jealousy. "Anyway..." she says, slowly pulling away from a now disappointed BrambleClaw, "OneWhisker, will you be getting your nine lives now?"

The light brown Tom nodded, "yes W/n, I thank ThunderClan for helping us drive out MudClaw's followers." Before W/n left for the forest she saw BrambleClaw speaking with HawkFrost, and as the ThunderClan warrior tried to approach SquirrelFlight she turned away and quickly walked to W/N's side.

"You and BrambleClaw confuse me..." she laughed, the dark ginger she-cat snorted. "I can say the same with you and AshFur!" W/n blushed in embarrassment.

Chapter 6

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"All cats old enough to catch their own prey, gather around for a clan meeting," FireStar spoke, not long ago the ThunderClan cats had returned from the fight against MudClaw's rebellion. "ThornClaw and W/n, could you take The ShadowClan warriors back to their camp to be buried."

"Yes FireStar," W/n nodded, AshFur snarled. "Could I also go with them?" The p/c she-cat flattened her ears and bared her teeth at him. "I don't see why not." FireStar shrugged, causing W/n to roll her eyes and AshFur gave her a snarky look.

The ginger Tom then looked at BrambleClaw, "BrambleClaw, can you lead a patrol to see if OneWhisker has gotten his nine lives and name? Take SquirrelFlight and RainWhisker with you."

SquirrelFlight seemed to be relieved she was with BrambleClaw, however the brown tabby looked over at W/n and AshFur with distain.

ThornClaw took the lead, his golden tabby pelt shining in the moon, "we ready to go?" AshFur hummed and W/n nodded.

They saw the two ShadowClan cats laying close to the gorge they fell in, some cat must've brought they're bodies up, somehow. ThornClaw grabbed one whilst W/n and AshFur carried the other cat together.

Soon enough they approached the pine forest that ShadowClan were in and entered, "W/n, perhaps you should announce what happened," AshFur stated.

W/n look at him confused but immediately shrugged it off as they approached their camp, "what brings you two ThunderClan cats here?" RussetFur questioned, two? W/n was certain that there was three of them...

"We've come to bring two of your warriors back, they attacked WindClan with MudClaw and fell into a gorge when chasing LeafPool," W/n quickly mewed as she noticed the ShadowClan cats looking at her.

BlackStar then approached them, "that's really unfortunate...we will have them buried tonight, thank you for bringing them to us."

AshFur and ThornClaw carefully placed the bodies down and the ThunderClan cats were about to head back however BlackStar cleared his throat, "W/n...at some point could I possibly speak to you at the next gathering?"

"Umm...sure?" She said a little skeptical, AshFur then told her to hurry up, so she quickly said goodbye and walked away, "so...Do you want to hang around together tomorrow?"

The grey Tom looked at her with Surprise, W/n was hoping he would agree so they could possibly make amends. "Alright! I don't see why not!" He seemed very happy, W/n gave him a small smile.

"I didn't think we would be collecting moss!" AshFur grumbled as he picked some off a rock, W/n grabbed some off a tree, jumping up at it and clawing it off. "How about we make it fun?"

The grey flecked tom turned her head towards her, only to be met with a moss ball to the face. "Moss fight!"

AshFur laughed and made a few moss balls, "oh, now your really going to get it!" He threw a ball at W/n and she hopped out of the way, she made another one and threw it.

Hitting his tail. The two cats then hid behind trees and threw balls of moss at each other, eventually AshFur pinned W/n down after throwing a ball at her face.

"What are you two doing?" The voice caused W/n to scramble from underneath AshFur and the grey Tom looked at whoever it was with hatred. "We were having a moss fight?" W/n mewed.

BrambleClaw shook his head, "you shouldn't be messing around!

Your warriors, so act like it!" Wow what's got under his fur?

AshFur rolled his eyes and grabbed the moss balls, W/n did the same and they gave the collection of bedding to CinderPelt.

"W/n, AshFur," FireStar called, The p/c she-cat quickly padded towards her father, "SquirrelFlight and SootFur were attacked by a Fox close to WindClan, could you warn OneStar about this?"

"Of course, FireStar," AshFur meowed, BrambleClaw then spoke up, "can I come too?" FireStar and W/n agreed and the cats all walked to WindClan, but W/n felt uncomfortable as both AshFur and BrambleClaw were brushing themselves against her.

W/n then spotted a patrol, consisting of OneStar, CrowFeather and WebFoot. "FireStar wanted to warn WindClan about a fox seen here!"

OneStar scoffed, "so what? We can take on a fox, we don't need FireStar's Friendship!" The light brown tabby quickly walked off with WebFoot.

"What a piece of fox-dung!" AshFur spat, BrambleClaw nodded in agreement and the two toms walked off. W/n turned away from the boarder, but CrowFeather's voice stopped her.

"Could you give a message to LeafPool?" He said rather quickly. "Alright? Only because we're friends." The black Tom nodded, "could you ask her if she could meet me-"

"W/n! Are you coming or what?" BrambleClaw called. "Hold on!" She meowed back, "I'm sorry CrowFeather but I have to go, I will tell her though."

He nodded as the p/c she-cat caught up with her patrol, "What did CrowFeather want?" AshFur asked quickly. "It's nothing..." she said, "let's head back."

The gathering was taking place on the newly accessible island, the tree that crushed MudClaw acting as a way to get there.

W/n sat with AshFur and SquirrelFlight, LeopardStar reported first,

"a badger was scented on our territory, but it has been driven out, we also have a new warrior VoleTooth."

BlackStar and FireStar had little to report so OneStar cleared his throat, "I have received my nine lives, WindClan also has two new warriors, OwlWhisker and WeaselFur."

Then he glared at FireStar, "by the way, we don't need your Pitiful help, FireStar..." the ginger Tom looked at him in alarm. "Excuse me?" OneStar then looked between him and BlackStar, "why aren't you all over ShadowClan? You have BlackStar's daughter living in your clan!"

BlackStar then stood up, "enough! That's enough OneStar!" LeopardStar then lifted herself, "what's he talking about?"

Before FireStar could say anything, OneStar's eyes looked directly at W/n and AshFur stood protectively in front of her. "W/n! BlackStar's daughter is in ThunderClan!"

WindClan and RiverClan were confused at this new information, ThunderClan and ShadowClan look desperately at each other.

W/n flattened her ears, "w-what?" She mewed quietly, "no...is this true?!" Her voice caused all cats to go silent, she didn't want to believe that BlackStar was her true father, did he not want her when she was born?

She didn't even wait for an answer as she left the island early, BlackStar and AshFur tried to call her back but she blocked them out...what a great first gathering Huh?

W/n quickened her walk and eventually started running back to ThunderClan camp and flopping into her nest. She didn't want to speak to anyone...

The young she-cat opened her eyes slowly, feeling another pelt brushing against her, she saw AshFur sleeping next to her.

W/n quickly lifted herself up and poked her head out of the warriors den, no cat looked at her weirdly and were doing their normal duties. She sighed in relief and grabbed a small squirrel

from the fresh kill pile.

"You alright W/n?" LeafPool mewed, W/n gave a small nod as the brown tabby crouched down and laid beside her. "I just...I just can't believe I'm not really part of ThunderClan..."

The medicine cat shook her head, "your still a ThunderClan cat!" The p/c she-cat sighed, "but I have pure ShadowClan blood! I want answers as to why I'm not in ShadowClan with BlackStar!"

W/n was currently on patrol with SquirrelFlight, BrambleClaw, SandStorm and AshFur. She noticed that BrambleClaw and SquirrelFlight were seemingly coming closer to each other.

As the ThunderClan patrol were marking the border near ShadowClan, the p/c she-cat heard her name being called from the Pine forest.

"Is something wrong, W/n?" AshFur mewed softly, she looked into his blue eyes and only now noticed how close he was to her face. "Take the patrol ahead to WindClan..."

He looked into the pine forest and nodded in understanding and lead the patrol away. W/n then narrowed her eyes into the shadows.

BlackStar then appear with an awkward look, "I know...I was going to explain it myself at the gathering with just the two of us...but OneStar somehow found out about it."

"Explain..." w/n Growled, the white Tom nodded and sat beside the p/c cat. "Me and your mother...Y/M/N she was the perfect cat for me, however she had complications when giving birth, your brother was stillborn and she died to the blood loss...I couldn't care for you in that state so I gave you to ThunderClan."

He took in a shaky breath shaking his head slowly, "I found it hard to lead the clan when she left me...TallPoppy was the only one who comforted me and soon we had AppleKit, ToadKit and MarshKit."

W/n looked at him with surprise, "so those kits I helped save, are my half-siblings?" BlackStar nodded and looked at the ground. "I...I

forgive you for what you did..."

"Please...join me back to ShadowClan!" He asked in desperation, "Y/M/N told me to care for you...and I didn't, I want to make up for it."

The ThunderClan warrior looked at her father then at the forest she called her home, "I'm sorry...I can't, besides there's a cat that I love where I'm at..."

"I accept that, I knew you would decline, but I just know your welcome to visit..." BlackStar said, he then walked off with a goodbye and W/n slowly left.

She came back to ThunderClan in time for BirchKit's apprentice ceremony, quickly sitting beside AshFur as FireStar started the ceremony. "BirchKit, until you earn your warrior names you'll be known as BirchPaw."

W/n wasn't really listening and was messing at the dirt beneath her paws, "W/n?" She looked up in alarm and saw everyone looking at her. "We're you not paying attention? BirchPaw's mentor is you."

Chapter 7

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"R-really?" W/n asked confused, looking at FireStar in shock, "but I haven't been a warrior for long..."

The ginger Tom nodded in understanding, "I know, but I believe you could be a great mentor to BirchPaw, besides FernCloud wants you to mentor him."

W/n looked at the small cat, the light brown Tom staring at him with wide excited eyes, she leaned down and touched noses with him. The clan erupted in cheers.

The next day, W/n was quick to grab something to eat with AshFur before she started BirchPaw's training, she had already quickly shown him around the territory yesterday.

"Could I possibly watch over you and BirchPaw?" AshFur questioned, W/n was quick to accept, knowing it would make her feel at ease. "BirchPaw! Come on!"

The Tom stopped talking to WhitePaw and hopped towards the two warriors. They approached the abandoned twoleg place.

"Alright, the first thing any warrior must learn, is how to hunt," W/n started, "now when it comes to hunting you'll want to step lightly, make sure your paws don't make a noise."

BirchPaw nodded, he walked across the forest, stepping quietly. AshFur then cleared his throat, "another thing that is crucial in hunting is your crouch."

W/n quickly nodded, "yes of course, hunch your shoulders and stay low to the ground, then the power in your legs will allow you to leap at the prey!"

"Like this?" BirchPaw mewed as he got into a hunting crouch, W/n

nodded, "yes, that's spot on!"

AshFur then chuckled, "make sure to not put too much weight on one side." W/n looked at him with a small smile, then turned to face BirchPaw, "alright I want you to go and try and catch some prey yourself, me and AshFur will be watching you from afar."

"Ok!" The Tom chirped happily, however as he disappeared, a screech was heard at the ShadowClan boarder. "What was that?" AshFur quickly asked.

The p/c she-cat started to panic, "stay here and watch BirchPaw for me. I'll see what happened..." AshFur nodded and W/n quickly ran to the boarder. "TawnyPelt?"

The calico looked up at her, she was hunched over as if she had been panting, SquirrelFlight then appeared not king after with speckles of blood on her ginger pelt. "ShadowClan is having trouble with some kittypets..." TawnyPelt mewed, she then looked at W/n. "Could you come to ShadowClan and help?"

"Of course I will!" The ThunderClan warrior mewed, no hesitation in her voice. The three she-cat go back to ThunderClan, telling FireStar about the situation.

He nodded, "I'll send a patrol out to aid ShadowClan, BrambleClaw, W/n, SquirrelFlight, RainWhisker and ThornClaw, head out to solve the kittypet problem."

The patrol made they're way to ShadowClan and BlackStar happily greeted his daughter with a quick nuzzle, "so, do any of you have a plan to get rid of these kittypets?"

BrambleClaw quickly nodded, "yes I have a plan..." BlackStar quickly made his patrol and the two clans headed towards the Twoleg place. "Alright W/n...you know what to do."

The she-cat headed towards the wide patch of grass whilst limping and laid there, pretending to be weak, and it quickly caught the attention of the kittypets.

W/n unsheathed her claws and swiped at them, the two patrols

quickly attacked and W/n pinned one down with a one paw on their head and the other on their throat, "if you come near ShadowClan again, your crow food! Got that?!"

Fear took over the house cat and he quickly responded and fled to his house along with the other. "Wow W/n, I didn't know you could be so aggressive!" TawnyPelt said with a purr.

She didn't want them to know that because they harassed her birth clan, so she didn't say anything and talked away, leaving both patrols confused. (Very edgy)

Back at Camp, W/n was laying down beside AshFur. The grey flecked tom had been grooming her fur for quite a while. Then W/n caught eyes of a beautiful cream she-cat with three kits. "Who's that?"

"Oh that's Daisy," AshFur stated, "she apparently joined when we went out with BirchPaw."

Then, BrambleClaw approached the two cats, "hey W/n, AshFur..." he greeted quietly. "I was just wondering...would you maybe like to go hunting with me?"

W/n happily nodded, AshFur was clearly displeased and huffed, "can I bring BirchPaw?" The dark tabby nodded and soon the three cats set out, and after being in the forest for a while, BrambleClaw spoke, "BirchPaw I need to speak to W/n for a second, go off and catch as much as you can."

"Why did you do that?" She whispered, Sitting down. BrambleClaw sat very close beside her and nuzzled into her fur. "I need to get this off my chest...W/n I really like you and was wondering if you would like to be mates..."

She didn't know what to do, she did fairly like BrambleClaw but Felt that she liked AshFur more. However she didn't want to break his heart, so she nodded, "yes, of course I will..."

They came back to camp with a few pieces of Prey and BirchPaw was overly excited, but this would turn sour as the first cat he

told...was AshFur.

"So...your mates with him, huh?" AshFur said rather bitterly, W/n thought that he would've been excited or happy in any way. "Yes..." she said, trying to convince herself that BrambleClaw was the right option. "That's great, I'm happy for you," that was all AshFur said as he walked off and spoke to SquirrelFlight.

The ginger she-cat looked at W/n with narrowed eyes and then nodded towards the grey flecked tom, W/n felt nervous as the two spoke as if they were planning something....

"This is the first gathering that we are going to as Mates!" BrambleClaw was happily walking close to W/n, who laughed at his behaviour. The two cats had gotten fairly close as mates, but the one thing that bothered W/n was that SquirrelFlight and AshFur were acting all lovey in front of her.

W/n was clearly jealous about this but she tried her best to ignore the two, besides SquirrelFlight wasn't her sister anyway so she didn't care what made her angry with her.

When the four clans arrived, BrambleClaw was quick to tell HawkFrost and TawnyPelt about his new relationship, but TawnyPelt could clearly see W/n staring over at AshFur sadly.

"Alright, let the gathering begin!" BlackStar announced, everyone became quiet as he looked at FireStar, "I will begin by thanking ThunderClan for helping us drive off kittypets who had killed one of our apprentices, TalonPaw."

LeopardStar lowered her head, "I'm sorry for your loss, BlackStar, but in RiverClan have been alright, the kits were poisoned from the river however ThunderClan had also helped us."

"Oh LeopardStar not you too," OneStar snarled, "ThunderClan is taking over the forest at this point, we all have to rely on ourselves and not ask help from them!"

Before Anything else could be said, the gathering ends and W/n goes home with her tail intertwined with BrambleClaw's.

As soon as W/n wakes up she takes BirchPaw out for fighting practice, "you need to catch your opponents off guard!"

The light brown tabby lifted himself up after W/n had thrown him off. "Alright I get it!" He tries again and was finally able to pin his mentor down. "Well done, go get something to eat and see if the elders need anything."

BirchPaw happily nods and runs back to camp, W/n then carefully walks to the ShadowClan boarder and sits down, staring into the pine forest.

Maybe she could try and be a ShadowClan warrior? But what could she say to BrambleClaw? "W/n, what are you doing here?"

She looks up and sees TawnyPelt with RowanClaw, "oh...I was just thinking," she mumbled. The calico looked at her dark ginger friend.

"Is this about AshFur?" TawnyPelt questioned. "Well...that's one thing, I don't know what to say to BrambleClaw..."

RowanClaw hummed in response, "maybe tell him about your feelings with AshFur? I've seen how SquirrelFlight looks at BrambleClaw, she and AshFur are clearly trying to make you jealous."

Maybe he was right. "What was the other thing?" TawnyPelt asked, the p/c didn't know if she could answer. After silence she finally replies.

"I don't know if I should join ShadowClan..."

RowanClaw shook his head, "no, ShadowClan would be happy to have you but your heart is with ThunderClan, besides AshFur would be devastated."

W/n decides she would stay in ThunderClan and quietly say goodbye to her two ShadowClan friends. "W/n wait!" She turned around and saw two brown apprentices approach her.

"ApplePaw? ToadPaw? What are you doing here?" W/n questioned.

ApplePaw looked at her with hopeful eyes, "could you possibly visit us? Father would be very happy to see you!"

That caused something to click, of course...these two were her half-siblings. She nodded and smiled. "Sure I will, but where's MarshPaw? Didn't they become an apprentice?"

"He is currently in camp caring for the elders..." ToadPaw muttered, "he would be happy to see you too!"

W/n purred in amusement, "alright, alright, I'll visit someday, but I'll have to ask BlackStar the next time I see him, along with FireStar." The two brown cats were overly happy and soon they left W/n alone and she could finally go back to ThunderClan in peace.

"What were you doing near ShadowClan?" A voice mumbled behind her, she turned around quickly and saw AshFur...was he watching her?

"Oh it's just you AshFur! I though it was someone else..." she chuckled awkwardly, the grey cat stared at her with a narrowed expression, "I was just speaking to my half-siblings that's all-"

"Oh? And thinking about leaving ThunderClan?" AshFur spat, W/n looked at him with wide eyes. "No it's not like that! RowanClaw told me not to join!"

AshFur raised a brow at her, but then finally nodded, "I'm glad to hear that...let's get back to camp." She nodded and the two cats walked back together.

She gets back and sees BrambleClaw waiting for her, "I thought you'd lost yourself in the forest! Are you alright?"

"I'm fine, AshFur saved me from a Fox..." she quickly lied, AshFur gave her a smile and a wink making her ears heat up.

BrambleClaw looked a little hurt by this but quickly shook it off. "I'm calling it a night, joining me?"

W/n agreed and she fell asleep next to BrambleClaw in his nest, but she had to make the decision wether to stay with him...or break it

off. (And we al know the answer)

Chapter 8

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"They've destroyed all the herbs!" BrightHeart huffed as Daisy's three kits all came tumbling out of the medicine den as W/n entered.

SquirrelFlight then came in, "I'll sort them out for you." W/n then nodded, "me too, take a rest BrightHeart."

The white and ginger she-cat sighed and left the den, W/n and SquirrelFlight started working on throwing out the trampled her and placing the rest ones back. "So how are you and BrambleClaw?" SquirrelFlight said to break the silence.

"If I'm being honest...I don't really love him in that way, I sorta like AshFur, but I don't know how to tell him that," the p/c she-cat mumbled, she then looked over to SquirrelFlight, "plus I've seen how you look at him, you clearly like him more than me..."

SquirrelFlight stared at her with sympathy, she then nodded slowly, "I...do like BrambleClaw, which is why it was so aggravating to see him so close to you!"

"Maybe you can get close to him once I cut things off?" W/n mewed. "Really?" SquirrelFlight whispered and the ThunderClan warrior nodded. "I'll try and speak to him soon about it."

When SquirrelFlight and LeafPool left to collect herbs, W/n allowing BirchPaw to help them, she and BrambleClaw took a walk to the forest and soon stopped at the abandoned two leg nest.

"So you said you wanted to talk about something?" The dark tabby asked as he sniffed the catmint. W/n looked at her paws, "I don't think I can be in this relationship..."

BrambleClaw looked at her with sadness, "why? Did I do something wrong?" W/n shook her head, "no you didn't do anything, I just

don't like you in that way...besides SquirrelFlight likes you and I want her to be happy..."

"I didn't know she felt like that..." BrambleClaw whispered, "I did have feeling for her, however I didn't know if she was going to take me after speaking with HawkFrost."

W/n chuckled, "she'll get over it someday, but I'm glad you took this well." BrambleClaw purred and gave her one last kick on the head before the two of them went back to camp.

"Where's LeafPool?" W/n opened her eyes and noticed AshFur sleeping next to her, when did he get there?

After hearing the cats outside, W/n was quick to get up onto her paws. "What happening?" SquirrelFlight quickly looked at her, "LeafPool is missing..."

CinderPelt then approached the two, a cold stare in her gaze, "she's been meeting CrowFeather..." W/n looked over at SquirrelFlight, the ginger she-cat seemed to already know this.

"We should go to WindClan, "W/n stated, "maybe she is with him there." SquirrelFlight nodded and agreed to come with, BrambleClaw also offered to come.

Once the three cats approached the boarder, they saw a WindClan patrol, "what are you doing here ShadowClan cat?" Tornear hissed at W/n, she ignored him. "We need to speak with OneStar..."

They agreed to take them and the leader scoffed at them, "ThunderClan are responsible for CrowFeather disappearing!" WhiteTail growled.

"He's not here?" BrambleClaw questioned, "Of course not! That's why we sent out a patrol." OneStar said rolling his eyes.

SquirrelFlight and W/n looked each other, "LeafPool...they've run away together..."

"LeafPool! CrowFeather!" W/n yowled across the forest, she ran

through WindClan territory with AshFur following, they had decided to take the area close to the moonpool with NightCloud and WebFoot. "There's no sign of them..."

NightCloud then started to panic, "where is CrowFeather..." W/n looked at her and then noticed her swollen belly, was she carrying CrowFeather's kits?

"We will find him...maybe he'll come back..." W/n tried to soothe the WindClan cat, she turned away. AshFur then took W/n away and separated. "Will they come back?"

AshFur then pulled W/n close to him, placing his head on top of her's, "I'm sure LeafPool will return." She reluctantly nuzzled into his fur.

She did like him, but maybe now wasn't the time for her to get into a serious relationship. Suddenly DustPelt appeared with CloudTail and SpiderLeg, "umm let's go look somewhere else..."

"Maybe we should go back to camp..." W/n whispered, AshFur agreed and they soon arrived back and told FireStar of their little findings.

"It's all my fault...I could of stopped her from meeting CrowFeather, maybe she would still be here." SquirrelFlight whispered, her eyes were cloudy with grief and BrambleClaw was quick to comfort her.

"It's time for the Dawn patrol..." FireStar called, "SandStorm you lead and take SquirrelFlight, BrambleClaw, WhitePaw and CloudTail with you."

The pale cream she-cat nodded and left camp with the group, W/n laid down in camp with AshFur by her side, "you should eat, you haven't eaten today."

"I don't really want to," W/n whispered, the grey Tom stared at her with sympathy. All she wanted to see was LeafPool again.

Then large black and white creatures with long muzzles and sharp teeth came crashing into camp, growling and slobbering.

"Badgers!"

Every cat got in there paws and attacked, W/n quickly threw herself at a badger with AshFur, violently clawing its shoulders, the p/c She-cat was going to leap onto its back, however AshFur got there first, and the badger circled trying to shake the grey Tom off it.

However it's long claws caught W/N's Side, and she yowled in pain, AshFur was thrown off hard, and the badger was going to finish W/n off until SquirrelFlight and BrambleClaw took it and made it flee.

"LeafPool! CrowFeather!" W/n said enthusiastically as she caught them in her sight and limped towards the two, "you've returned!"

The brown tabby nodded and CrowFeather sadly looked away, "midnight told us about the attack...and I couldn't leave, it's my home."

Midnight? W/n then noticed a badger attacking it's own kin, only difference being the star on its forehead.

Soon WindClan arrived to help on the attack and eventually the badgers left, but they had killed SootFur and CinderPelt, and W/n's wound was becoming infected. "LeafPool see to W/n immediately," BrambleClaw ordered.

The brown tabby gave only a small nod and quickly patched her up with marigold and cobwebs. "I finally realise...even if there are four clans, we still need to aid each other whenever needed..." OneStar admitted to FireStar.

W/n limped out of the medicine den and the brown Tom stared at her apologetically, "I'm sorry W/n for what I said...FireStar told me about it and I let it slip..."

The she-cat glared at FireStar before walking off to see CrowFeather, "how are you?"

"I didn't want to return..." he whispered, "however maybe it's best to be back with the friends I have." CrowFeather's blue eyes shined as he looked at W/n, she gave him a small smile.

She felt a pair of eyes on her, turning around she realised AshFur was glaring at CrowFeather, And her ears flattened. "Maybe I could walk with you back to WindClan?"

He accepted and they, along with the WindClan patrol walked to the boarder, but before CrowFeather crossed the stream, W/n called him back. "What is it?"

"Make sure to check on NightCloud," W/n mewed, "she might have some news to tell you..." The black tom nodded and said goodbye before walking away.

W/n let herself smile as she walked back to the hollow, however couldn't get rid of the thought that someone was watching her.

Chapter 9

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When W/n returned, StormFur and Brook had arrived and were now aiding the clans to recover from the Attack.

W/n then bumped into AshFur like she usually does, "oh hi AshFur!" She chirped happily as the grey cat blushed.

"Hello W/n..." he whispered, looking away. He then turned his attention towards the wound on W/n's shoulder, "shouldn't you be getting some rest?"

W/n shrugged, "I suppose I should...I don't want to cause anymore damage to myself." As she walked to the warriors den she turned around and noticed AshFur snarling at SquirrelFlight and BrambleClaw.

So did he actually like her? W/n felt anger boiling inside her, so confused over AshFur and whatever feelings he had. Maybe She was foolish to think that AshFur like her...

W/n then woke up to hearing SquirrelFlight and AshFur talking, "will you sit vigil with me for CinderPelt and SootFur?" The p/c she-cat poked her head out of the den and saw the ginger she-cat back away, "maybe later...I'm busy with a few things..."

AshFur looked really upset as SquirrelFlight ran off and started to help with rebuilding the medicine den. W/n walked out of the warriors den and sat by the bodies of CinderPelt and SootFur, Sitting vigil for them.

"May I sit beside you?" AshFur asked politely, W/n nodded and the grey cat sat down, a comfortable silence between them as the cats around them rebuild the dens. "Shall we help with the repairs?"

"I need my wounds to be sorted," AshFur said a little down, W/n then wondering if she even slept that long. Suddenly she noticed

BirchPaw with a wound above his eye. "BirchPaw! Are you alright?"

The pale tabby nodded as LeafPool placed something in his wound, causing him to flinch at the touch, "he'll be fine," the medicine cat soothed W/n, "he can resume apprentice duties tomorrow."

Eventually everyone was treated and night quickly came and ThunderClan soon went silent.

When Dawn came, FireStar quickly sent out the patrol and W/n took BirchPaw out for more fighting practice.

The pale tabby had just pinned her down after a spar. "Your getting good at this!" She praised him and BirchPaw laughed, "you really think so?! I could show my skills to my ShadowClan friends!"

W/n then remembered, she forgot to ask if FireStar would allow her to visit ShadowClan for a day! "Hey BirchPaw, before you go back make sure to hunt."

BirchPaw quickly nodded and disappeared into the forest, W/n was about to quickly leave for the ShadowClan boarder, however she heard voices near the lake.

Who else was out here? She didn't want to waste time with eavesdropping but one of them sounded really heartbroken...

"I've trying to explain...I think I'm better suited for BrambleClaw, plus I thought you didn't like me in that way." That was SquirrelFlight!

"But I do! I didn't really realise it until now! The please I love you! Besides BrambleClaw is the son of TigerStar!" AshFur's desperate voice made W/n flatten her ears in devastation. He really did love her more.

SquirrelFlight glared at him, "I'll judge BrambleClaw on his actions, not his fathers!" AshFur tried to call out to her but she ran back to camp, he sat there defeated by the lake.

W/n wanted to try and comfort him and tell him another cat will come around, but she shook her head.

Maybe it's best if I focus on my warrior duties for a few more moons, she believed she was too young to be in a serious relationship...

The p/c she-cat made her way to the ShadowClan boarder and saw a patrol of BlackStar, OakFur, CedarHeart and ApplePaw.

"W/n!" The brown she-cat chirped happily, however OakFur stopped her from accidentally crossing the boarder. "I told BlackStar about the idea!"

"And what do you say, father?" W/n asked, BlackStar looked surprised that she called him that but nodded, "I have agreed, a song it's alright with FireStar of course!"

W/n quickly thanked him as she heard a patrol coming to the ShadowClan boarder and quickly left for camp.

Maybe she can finally taste what it's like in ShadowClan!

As soon as she returned to camp she ran to FireStar who was speaking to his daughter LeafPool. "FireStar? Is it possible for me to go to ShadowClan for a bit?"

"I don't see why not, but you are only allowed to go at the end of a gathering," he stated, W/n quickly thanked him and the sat for a clan meeting going over the fox traps.

After a couple of days pass, W/n wakes up to AshFur sleeping in her den again, she growls in annoyance and she pulls herself out of her nest.

Why is that bird brain still trying to sleep with her? W/n was about to take BirchPaw out for some light tree climbing until Daisy was heard crying about BerryKit, who has suddenly gone missing...

"CloudTail, lead a patrol with AshFur, BrambleClaw and W/n," FireStar quickly ordered.

Daisy stared at him with worried eyes, "but CloudTail needs to stay and Protect my kits!" This set BrightHeart off.

"He can do what he wants!" The ginger tabby snarled at the queen her blue eye glaring. BrambleClaw forced a sigh out, "how about I lead the patrol?"

FireStar agreed and the patrol set out and quickly found the kit, his tail caught in a fox trap. "How do we get him out?" W/n quickly muttered.

BrambleClaw then glared in the distance, "Why are you watching like fox hearts?! It's a kit in need of help!"

W/n and AshFur then looked up and the p/c she-cat eyes widened when she noticed RussetFur, OakFur and CedarHeart just watching.

"We were just keeping to our boarders..." RussetFur said cooly, "we have nothing to do with kittypets in ShadowClan..."

(So this is stated in the wiki, however RussetFur is part Kittypet from Hal? So wow they can talk)

The ShadowClan cats leave as AshFur finally frees BerryKit and the patrol take him back, however W/n suddenly felt a little off about going to ShadowClan after they just let a helpless kit get hurt.

LeafPool quickly took BerryKit and tended to his lost tail. StormFur and Brook then announce they're whole thing about staying with the clans but leaving for RiverClan.

Maybe that would make ThunderClan not look so much like an outcast from the others...

"I don't think BerryKit's tail can be saved," AshFur randomly said as he sat by W/n. "I think LeafPool might have to remove it."

W/b didn't know what to say, "also I heard that you would be going to ShadowClan for a day after the next gathering..."

"Y-yes...BlackStar even agreed," she mewed quietly, AshFur then curled his tail around her protectively, "I believe they just want you to themselves..." he'd said darkly.

W/n felt uncomfortable in this situation but as she tried to move

away he intertwined his tail with hers, "maybe I could come with you?"

"Maybe, but I wanted to use that time to get along with my father." The grey Tom looked disappointed, what is wrong with him? "Alright, I see how it is. By the way, you don't mind me sleeping in your nest right?"

Great StarClan what could she say? She looked around came for a moment before awkwardly laughing, "o-of course not!"

AshFur then smirked and whispered in her ear, "good...because I wasn't going to take no for an answer." He then walked away and W/n stared blankly at him, her ears and cheeks warming up quickly.

She felt so bothered by it...maybe she shouldn't of said anything. "W/n are you alright?" Snapping out of her thoughts she looked at BirchPaw and smiled, "yes, I'm alright, how about we go and do some hunting?"

He immediately agreed and the two set out, however W/n caught AshFur looking at SquirrelFlight, which made her believe he was doing this to use her?

Either way the she-cat shook her head and went into the forest with her apprentice.

The next day, W/n was ready to take BirchPaw out for some more fighting practice, however she had reopened her wound, "I wish I could...but my wound has reopened-"

"I can take him if you like," AshFur offered. W/n stared at him with bright e/c eyes, "you would? Thank you AshFur!" She gave him a quick nuzzled as a thank you and felt the grey Tom flinch once she pulled away he left camp with BirchPaw.

I guess I'll be stuck here for a while, W/n thought and gave a small sigh before going to see LeafPool.

"SHADOWCLAN IS ATTACKING!" BirchPaw's voice echoed and caught the attention of all the ThunderClan warriors.

FireStar growled, "SquirrelFlight, BrambleClaw, DustPelt, SpiderLeg, come with me!" The warriors all ran out as W/n sat by the entrance of the medicine den, horrified by what she heard.

When the group returned with BirchPaw, AshFur and SandStorm, BrambleClaw was quick to call LeafPool out, "she told LittleCloud of CinderPelt's death!"

"Are you calling my sister disloyal?!" SquirrelFlight arched her back in defence, FireStar was quick to calm her down, "I believe this wasn't LeafPool's fault..."

BrambleClaw apologised to her quietly and everyone continued with they're duties, "so are you excited to go to ShadowClan after tonight's gathering?" LeafPool questioned.

W/n looked up at her and shrugged, "I don't know if FireStar will allow me to, after they attacked us and marked in our boarders..."

LeafPool didn't give an answer, she couldn't think of an answer that her father might say... W/n left the medicine den in silence and caught up on a bit of sleep an rest her wound.

"It's time for the gathering," FireStar called from the leader ledge, the ginger Tom jumped down and picked a few warriors for the gathering. "W/n your staying here."

W/n looked at him in shock, but it was quickly replaced with anger, "what? Why?!" FireStar narrowed his eyes at her, "since ShadowClan attacked us, you can't stay with them after this gathering."

Her fur rose and her tail lashed in anger, yeah she was a little distraught over what they did, but this would of been the first time she could actually communicate with the clan mates she could of had!

But instead of yelling at her father figure, she stormed off back into the warriors den and let out a dramatic sigh.

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Chapter 10

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Everyone soon came back from the gathering and W/n waited for them all to fall asleep, maybe ShadowClan would be still awake at this time?

W/n exited the Warriors den and carefully snuck out of camp, making her way towards the ShadowClan boarder, however didn't place her paw across the boarder. Should she do this?

Whilst she was deciding if this was a good idea, she heard a rustle behind her, "what are you doing out here?" It was AshFur.

"I...don't know, I was thinking of sneaking away and being with ShadowClan that way," W/n stated. AshFur looked at her with worry, "what? you going to leave us? Leave me?"

W/n gave the grey Tom a half lided look, maybe she was? she had too many friends in ThunderClan and FireStar and SandStorm had done so much for her...

"No, of course not..." she whispered, "I have too many friends to loose in ThunderClan, like you." AshFur looked a little hurt when she mentioned 'friend' but quickly shook it off.

"How about we go back to camp?" He meowed, "or maybe sit by the lake?" W/n thought for a moment, maybe sitting near the lake was a good idea. "Let's go to the lake!"

AshFur smiled and the two took the short walk to the lake and sat down, the full moon was shining into the lake and the stars glittered, W/n looked up at SilverPelt, seeing one star shining brightly than the rest, perhaps it was her mother?

AshFur intertwined his tail with W/N's, she didn't pull away however, she saw that as being too rude to the grey Tom, so she sunk into his touch and nuzzled into his fur.

Love was a mess...

"Wake up W/n," AshFur whispered as the p/c she-cat opened her eyes groggily and yawned, then panicked when she didn't see the safe walls of the warriors den, "you fell asleep near the lake."

The grey Tom let out a purr of amusement when W/n quickly calmed down, "you stayed here with me?" She mumbled shyly, AshFur hummed, "I couldn't just leave you here alone."

BrambleClaw then passed the two, "did you two sleep out here?" W/n nodded as AshFur huffed and turned away. "What are you doing, BrambleClaw?"

"Me? Oh FireStar asked if I could scout ShadowClan and RiverClan after DustPelt found twoleg's doing their things..." he stated, W/n then gave him a worried look. "Will you be alright out there alone?"

AshFur let out a scoff, turning back towards the two, "I'm sure she'll be fine! He's capable enough!" BrambleClaw snarled at the grey cat before leaving.

W/n didn't say anything as she and AshFur went back to camp, the p/c she-cat took BirchPaw out for his first hunting assessment, then BrambleClaw came back with StormFur and Brook.

"Let's get you two something to eat..." BrambleClaw stated as he marched towards the Fresh kill pile and pulled out a fat pigeon for them to share.

FireStar then came out of his den, "oh? I though you two were going back to RiverClan." Brook looked at the ground sheepishly.

"They didn't want us!" StormFur huffed, BrambleClaw quickly spoke, "could they possibly stay for the night?"

FireStar agreed and the clan soon quickly did their duties and went to their nests, StormFur and Brook were given nests and AshFur slept in W/n's nest.

"What are they doing back here?" AshFur whispered to W/n, however she could only shrug. "I don't know, something must of

happened in RiverClan."

The grey Tom bared his teeth at the two tribe cats, "I believe we have too much mixed blood."

W/n quickly turned towards him to ask him what he was talking about, but he was already asleep. Was he also speaking about her being a pure ShadowClan cat in ThunderClan?

When W/n woke up she heard commotion outside, she exited the warriors den and saw that MouseFur and DustPelt had called for a meeting.

"We believe there's too much mixed blood in ThunderClan!" MouseFur yowled out, DustPelt nodded in agreement. FireStar then exited his den, "what is the meaning of this?"

"We are taking in too many strange cats, StormFur and Brook should go back to the tribe, Daisy should go back to the horse place with her kits!" DustPelt stated, then looked over at W/n, "and she should go back to those mangy ShadowClan cats!"

"Don't you dare say that you fox-heart!" She snarled at DustPelt, AshFur was trying to prevent her from attacking, and a few cats were starting to agree with DustPelt's words.

FireStar yowled, "I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS, WE WILL MAKE THEM ALL FEEL WELCOME!" The whole clan was silent as FireStar left for his den, SandStorm was quick to follow him.

W/n quickly left camp, AshFur following behind, "how could DustPelt say that?! I've stayed in this clan long before Daisy and StormFur!" She said bitterly, pacing along the lakeside.

AshFur watched her with bright blue eyes, "I don't know what is going on with them, but I do believe that Daisy and her kits should leave."

The p/c she-cat stopped and looked at the grey Tom, "but her kits will become warriors! If FireStar became such a formidable Leader and he's a kittypet, then anyone can be a warrior!"

"Clan meeting!" FireStar's somber yowl was heard and W/n looked at AshFur with uncertainty, "let's go, quickly."

The two cats walked back to camp and W/n sat beside LeafPool and BrackenFur, AshFur was trying to speak to SquirrelFlight however she wasn't having any of it. "I have to announce the death of GreyStripe, it has come to my attention that my great friend may never return..."

W/n lowered her head in grieving, LeafPool curled her tail around the warrior, and BrackenFur also huddled with them. "I will appoint a deputy at Moon-high."

The clan went about their duties and soon the moon was in the sky and FireStar announced the deputy being BrambleClaw. "Why? He hasn't had an Apprentice!" LongTail argued.

"LeafPool, explain to them," The ginger cat meowed, she nodded and stood beside her father, "I had a sign from StarClan, Brambles protecting our camp."

AshFur then sneered, "your only saying that because your SquirrelFlight's sister, and she is mate's with BrambleClaw!" The ginger she-cat glared at him with piercing green eyes, ready to give him a piece of her mind but BrambleClaw stopped her.

"Anyone else disagree?" FireStar questioned, no one said a word and I he ThunderClan leader hummed, "well then, BrambleClaw is the new deputy of ThunderClan!"

AshFur was quick to leave camp when everyone began congratulating the brown tabby, W/n ran after him.

"Why did you not say anything?" He snarled at her, she was in disbelief. "If StarClan said he was right to be deputy then of course I wouldn't say anything."

The grey Tom circled around W/n, trailing his tail under the young she-cat's chin, "you still love BrambleClaw don't you?"

"No, I never shared any feelings with him," she quickly spat back, "why are you so confusing AshFur?! Your sending so many mixed

messages!" She then sighed, "I need some time alone..."

W/n lifted herself to her paws and walked away, why was he getting worked up about her not agreeing with him when he loves SquirrelFlight? She rolled her eyes and quickly joined her clan mates in the warriors den.

When the sun rose into the sky, W/n was quick to wake up and go into the Dawn patrol and also take her apprentice out for tree climbing practice.

Throughout the whole day, she didn't speak to AshFur, however she strangely didn't see him around either.

Hours passed and the sun was starting to set, and W/n was beginning to worry. "Where's AshFur?" She whispered to LeafPool, as she was looking up at the sky, "I don't know, I haven't seen him at all today..."

Then the light brown tabby's eyes flashed in fear, "something terrible is going on...SquirrelFlight!"

LeafPool tells both She-cats and they all set out, only to find AshFur running through the forest, "FireStar is caught in a fox trap!"

"Why didn't you help him?!" W/n quickly judged the cats actions, his blue eyes blazed in anger. "Both HawkFrost and BrambleClaw are there, I couldn't fight them off!"

SquirrelFlight's eyes widened, "we need to get there, now!" She yowled at her sister, the four cats ran to the lake, only to see BrambleClaw crouching over HawkFrost, his brothers body was limp in the lake.

"BrambleClaw! What happened?" The ginger she-cat mewed in distress and nuzzling her mate. "He saved me from HawkFrost..." FireStar whispered.

They all walked back to ThunderClan, LeafPool tended to FireStar's wound, BrambleClaw and SquirrelFlight were now sleeping in the warriors den.

W/n walked back out to the lake, looking down at HawkFrost, "I better tell RiverClan what happened..." she looked between the two territories she could pass through.

Quickly choosing ShadowClan and walked along the edge of the lake, she made it towards RiverClan, "what do you want?" ReedWhisker hissed, he had his mother, MistyFoot accompanying him.

"I'm here to tell you that HawkFrost tried to kill FireStar...he met his fate, and needs to be buried..." W/n whispered. The two RiverClan cats followed her to ThunderClan and quickly took the dead warrior to their territory.

The p/c she-cat then finally let herself rest, however noticed that AshFur was actually sleeping alone tonight.

Chapter 11

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It had been moons after the death of HawkFrost, SquirrelFlight had a litter of Kits with BrambleClaw and W/n's apprentice, BirchPaw, had been named a warrior.

And she couldn't be more proud of him, she was watching CinderPaw's training with CloudTail, until she heard cries from the forest. "What was that?" W/n growled. "It's probably those fox cubs ThornClaw was talking about, he did find a fox dead remember?"

W/n couldn't help but shiver at the thought, it could've lost its life to the fox traps that caused problems before...

However when she saw LionKit and HollyKit running from two fox cubs, she was quick to attack one of them whilst CloudTail and CinderPaw attacked the other.

"Thank StarClan we found you!" LionKit mewed happily. W/n narrowed her eyes at the two kits, "where's your brother?!"

"We don't know!" HollyKit said in distress. W/n heard her name being called by SquirrelFlight, "it's alright, he's back at camp with LeafPool."

Oh thank StarClan! The group of cats returned to camp and W/n padded to the medicine den, seeing the grey tabby speaking with LeafPool, "maybe you should train to become a medicine cat..." the she-cat stated to the blind Tom.

"No! I want to be a warrior!" JayKit strongly disagreed, W/n bit back what she wanted to say, besides the grey tabby saw her as his favourite in the clan. "I believe he can do it..." W/n whispered.

"I knew you would believe in me W/n!" The kit said proudly, LeafPool gave the p/c she-cat a hard stare.

After a few days, the three kits were now sitting in the clearing, ready for their apprentice ceremony, "alright let's begin with the ceremony, JayKit, LionKit and HollyKit, step forward," FireStar started.

"From this moment on, until you have earned your full names, you'll be known as JayPaw, LionPaw and HollyPaw, your mentors are BrightHeart, AshFur and LeafPool respectively."

JayPaw looked rather disappointed by his mentor being BrightHeart, AshFur looked displeased to be mentoring LionPaw and LeafPool looked a little nervous around HollyPaw.

"JayPaw! LionPaw, HollyPaw!" The clan all cheered and the meeting was dismissed, W/n quickly approached AshFur, "congratulations on getting LionPaw as your apprentice AshFur!"

The grey Tom blushed and cleared his throat, "thank you W/n..." LionPaw looked between the two cats, "he mentored me when I was an apprentice, LionPaw, you'll learn a lot from him."

The golden tabby smiled happily, "I can't wait to start!" AshFur gave him a small smile, "first we can have a tour around the territory. W/n I'll be happy if you came along..."

She nodded and joined the two toms, walking with her pelt brushing against AshFur's as LionPaw walking in front, sometimes tripping over his big paws. "You'll be a perfect mentor to him..." W/n whispered.

"Of course I will..." AshFur grumbled in response, then LionPaw looked back at the two. "Are you two mates?" W/n was taken aback quickly moving away from AshFur and blushing hard, "w-well...n-no no we're not!"

AshFur looked disappointed at her words, but shook away the pain. LionPaw didn't look convinced. "Alright...let's head back." They all walked back however LionPaw stopped and crouched, then leaped at something, W/n tilted her head, but her eyes quickly lit up when she saw a mouse in LionPaw's jaws.

"Well done, LionPaw! Look AshFur he's caught his first prey!" W/n squealed at the grey Tom, he blankly stared at the mouse in LionPaw's jaws, "yes, well done LionPaw."

W/n was walking alone in ThunderClan territory, she had spilt from the patrol that had BrambleClaw, AshFur and LionPaw. She heard the squeak of a mouse and spotted it nibbling on a small nut, she dropped into a hunting crouch and leaped at it, catching it.

As she was burying it in the soil, she heard a splash from WindClan territory, then a distressed yowl. W/n quickly ran to the boarder and saw CrowFeather grab JayPaw out of the lake.

"What is a blind cat doing out here? Trying to become a warrior?" A black Tom snorted, a light brown she-cat hissed at him. "BreezePaw! That isn't nice to say!"

"W/n?" CrowFeather said in surprise, the p/c she-cat came closer to the lake and greeted the dark grey Tom. "I haven't seen you in a while!"

The ThunderClan warrior chuckled, "same here!" Her eyes then landed on the two apprentices, "who are they?"

"Oh this is BreezePaw and HeatherPaw, and you already Know WhiteTail I assume?" CrowFeather said, W/n nodded then looked at JayPaw, "I better take him back..."

"I'll come with you," CrowFeather said, W/n didn't say no and they walked to ThunderClan camp, catching up on a few things.

"JayPaw!" SquirrelFlight said happily and licked her kit quickly to get him warmed up, "thank you W/n!"

W/n shook her head, "oh no don't thank me! Thank CrowFeather for rescuing him out of the river." The ginger cat said a quick thank you.

Then tension was in the air as LeafPool and CrowFeather met eyes, his blue ones quickly going to the ground below, "I better get going..."

"Alright CrowFeather, I'll see you soon," W/n mewed quietly, the dark grey Tom left quickly. JayPaw then stared at W/n blankly, "are you mates with whoever he was?"

SquirrelFlight looked very displeased and LeafPool looked away sadly, "don't say such things!" W/n mentally sighed and quickly put the prey she caught onto the pile.

"I can't wait to meet the other apprentices!" LionPaw said in excitement to HollyPaw the two cat ran towards the tree that had become the bridge to the island, "wait up you two! No running off!" FireStar ordered.

W/n rolled her eyes playfully as LionPaw quickly ran back to W/n and AshFur, they arrived to the island and AshFur quickly narrowed his eyes at LionPaw.

"Don't you dare reveal any secrets that we might have..." The grey cat growled, LionPaw nodded and clumsily padded away, immediately striking a conversation with HeatherPaw.

However W/n couldn't help but narrow her eyes at AshFur, what has gotten under his pelt? W/n then approached a group of ShadowClan cats, seeing AppleFur and ToadFoot.

"Glad you could make it sister!" ToadFoot greeted her with a warm smile, w/n gave him a happy smile back. "Good evening to you all."

AppleFur then stared at W/n with enthusiasm, "oh W/n! Are you joining us tonight in ShadowClan?"

The p/c she-cat nodded, "yes, I think FireStar will finally allow me to go tonight!" TawnyPelt laughed, "he's very protective over you isn't he?"

RussetFur then smirked and nudged W/n with her shoulder, "not as protective as AshFur though~" W/n felt her fur grow hot in embarrassment and the ShadowClan cats laughed.

"Alright everyone! The gathering will now begin," OneStar spoke, every cat fell silent. "WindClan would like to announce our new apprentice, BreezePaw."

BlackStar then stepped up, "we also have a new apprentice, IvyPaw," then the white Tom looked at FireStar. "And ThunderClan have given up some territory to ShadowClan which FireStar calls, 'prey poor by ThunderClan standards."

The ginger Tom looked displeased with what BlackStar had just announced but cleared his throat and ignored him, "ThunderClan has three new apprentices, JayPaw, LionPaw and HollyPaw."

However before LeopardStar could announce her news, two unknown cats appear at the island, everyone was ready to attack, however FireStar yowls. "GreyStripe! It's really you!"

The ThunderClan leader leaps off the tree and embraces his best friend, the grey Tom chuckled. "I was rather hurt to see that you didn't wait for me..."

"I'm sorry...but we had to move quickly due to the territory being destroyed," FireStar apologises over the many cats that were welcoming the old ThunderClan deputy back.

LeopardStar quickly announces her news and the gathering ends, and W/n was given permission to join ShadowClan for the night.

She walked beside TawnyPelt and RowanClaw, her half-siblings telling her about the territory and prey. W/n even tried the lizards and frogs that the ShadowClan cats eat.

W/n wasn't a huge fan of the frogs, but the lizards were actually really tasty, When morning came around, BlackStar taught her some fighting moves.

AshFur stared into the pine forest with narrowed Blue eyes, awaiting for W/n to return. FireStar hadn't told him and he only found out when he saw her p/c pelt in the mass of ShadowClan cats...

He was displeased when she just left without even a goodbye, AshFur dug his claws into the ground. "AshFur? Aren't you supposed to be taking LionPaw out for some fighting practice?"

The grey Tom snapped his head back and glared at CloudTail, who

was accompanied by his apprentice CinderPaw. "Yes, yes I'll go and do that now..."

CloudTail looked uncomfortably at AshFur as his blue eyes were glued onto the pine forest once again, however he eventually left and went to train LionPaw...then he gained an idea...

"FireStar," the grey Tom called as he looked up at the ginger Tom, "I've been around the ShadowClan boarder, it seems they have marked every tree along the boarder..."

"We should confront them!" DustPelt, ThornClaw and SpiderLeg stated, "they could be keeping w/n hostage."

However some cats like BrightHeart, SquirrelFlight and StormFur disagreed, "we shouldn't confront them!"

"BrambleClaw, send a patrol out to mark the scent boarders..." FireStar ordered, "and also retrieved W/n back." He then looked over at LeafPool once the patrol had set out, "share tongues with StarClan, so we know who the rightful Deputy is."

AshFur chuckled to himself, a little bit of lying wouldn't hurt anyone...

"It was great to speak with you BlackStar..." W/n mewed excitedly to her father as they walked out of camp, "I can't wait to come here again!"

The white Tom's gaze was happy, but then his face shifted, "I don't think there could be another time..." he said.

W/n stared at the ground sadly, then heard voices from the boarder, "I better get going to catch the patrol, I'll see you at the gathering father!"

BlackStar said a final goodbye as the p/c she-cat ran towards the ThunderClan boarder, her presence caught the attention of everyone marking the trees. "I got to say, it was amazing-"

"We don't want to hear it!" BrambleClaw was quick to spit at the warrior, W/n eyes widened in shock and her fur bristled. "What do

you mean?!"

AshFur then came forward, "we've found out ShadowClan has marked the trees on our side..." W/n narrowed her eyes at him, then sniffed around.

"There scent is normally marsh water a frogs! I don't smell-" then she tasted it, it was indeed the smell of ShadowClan...

"See?" The grey Tom said with a shake of his head, "they've marked our boarders..." BrambleClaw then called the patrol back.

"You best follow us back W/n..." the deputy growled, the other cats left and AshFur stared at the p/c she-cat with glistening blue eyes before leaving.

W/n followed the patrol back, but then paused as she saw a frog hidden in the shrubbery, it was dead. Her E/c eyes widened, did someone fake it?

"W/n! Move!" BrambleClaw yowled. "Coming!" She quickly called back and ran after the patrol.

The weather had cooled even more instead of warm up, and the grass had become frosty and slippery. W/n sat alone with a sparrow at her paws, she was not allowed to leave camp without another cat, and the cat who decided to be near her at all times was AshFur...

"All cats gather around for a clan meeting!" FireStar called from the high rock, when everyone gathered he begun, "we have decided that BrambleClaw will remain as Deputy."

W/n was a little surprised but cheered for BrambleClaw, much to AshFur's displeasure. The meeting ended and W/n went out with AshFur with LionPaw to hunt.

He had almost gotten a fat Shrew, when suddenly BirchFall appeared, "ShadowClan has moved the boarder!"

"I'll inform BrambleClaw," W/n stated and quickly found the brown tabby on his own patrol, "ShadowClan has moved the Boarder!"

"Come on, let's check it out!" He yowled to his patrol, consisting of CloudTail, CinderPaw, SorrelTail, DustPelt and SquirrelFlight.

AshFur, LionPaw, BirchFall and W/n gathered with them and saw a ShadowClan patrol, "what was up with you marking our trees?!"

"What?!" RussetFur hissed, "we never did such a thing!" BrambleClaw clearly wasn't convinced and unsheathed his claws. "Besides we wouldn't want anything to do with such a kittypet infested clan!"

"LionPaw!" W/n yowled, "go get help!" The golden tabby nodded and ran off, W/n was then attacked by RatScar.

"I thought you were on our side!" He yowled, "you have ShadowClan blood!" W/n glared at him and threw the warrior off him and swiped at his flank.

"My blood doesn't decide on what side I'm on!" The p/c she-cat yowled, and leaped at him, tustling on the ground before kicking him back and he retreated.

More ThunderClan warriors arrived and started to push ShadowClan into the Brambles, W/n clawed at ToadFoot and he tangled his fur in brambles. Having to forcefully rip himself out and retreat.

The clan heads back, and LeafPool treats the injured cats, W/n threw herself into her nest and AshFur came in to see if she was alright.

"I attacked my own kin!" She spat at the grey Tom, "how could I of done such a thing..."

AshFur crouches beside her as she buried her head into the moss, he gently licked her on the head to calm her down, "I believe...that clan should come first..."

Maybe he was right, W/n felt her eyes grow heavy and soon enough she falls asleep.

Chapter 12

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"So how was it in the tribe?" W/n asked StormFur, sharing a nice plump mouse with him and Brook. "It's amazing!"

StormFur nodded, "you either be a cave guard or a hunter, I guess it's now strong or quick you are..."

The brown tabby nodded excitedly, "that's why I became a hunter!" W/n looked at Brook with interest, "what would you think I would be in the tribe?"

"Definitely a hunter," StormFur stated, W/n looked at him a little hurt, was she not a good fighter for the clan? The grey tabby caught her look and gave her a small smile, "well...you do have some fighting power, but I feel like that maybe your blood will get in the way."

HollyPaw then approached the group and sighed. "What's wrong dear?" W/n mewed. "I feel like I should change my role in the clan."

Brook stared at her sympathetically, "you should choose your destiny based on your skills and strengths..."

W/n agreed, "I believe that you and JayPaw should switch...he may be struggling with the whole warrior thing." She remembered how the silver tabby had fallen into the river that cut WindClan and ThunderClan.

"W/n!" The warrior turned around and saw BrambleClaw calling her, "your going on the Dawn patrol with SquirrelFlight, BerryPaw and AshFur."

The p/c she-cat nodded and gathered with the group at the camp entrance, immediately AshFur tried to gain the attention of SquirrelFlight, but she clearly wasn't interested.

However, W/n couldn't help but feel feather jealous at the affection The grey Tom was trying to give to a she-cat who rejected him. "Alright, me and DustPelt will mark near ShadowClan, W/n and AshFur can mark near WindClan."

The patrol split and W/n quickly walked to the WindClan boarder, tail held high. As W/n approached the trees she marked them, and was suddenly tackled to the ground by AshFur, landing in the river with a gasp.

"AshFur!" She squealed as the grey Tom laughed at her, w/n tried to release herself, but AshFur wouldn't budge so she kicked him off and shook her fur.

"What? Can't have a little fun?" He purred lowly, causing the she-cat to become a hot mess, "w-well...we can have fun, but not so close to the boarder!"

"What are you doing here?!" W/n looked above and saw BreezePaw hissing at her, His mentor WhiteTail was with him. "BreezePaw! Show a little respect! I'm sorry about him..." the white she-cat muttered.

"No it's alright, it's my fault for falling into the river..." W/n said, shooting a glare at AshFur, the two ThunderClan cats quickly left and came back to hear that HollyPaw and JayPaw had switched.

The next day, W/n wakes up and grabs a sparrow from the fresh kill pile and laid in the clearing, soon AshFur joined her with a small Shrew, "I might take LionPaw out for some battle training, would you like to join?"

"Yes, that would be nice!" W/n chirped happily, earning a light chuckle from the grey Tom. Then JayPaw walked passed in a huff. "You alright, JayPaw?"

"No, LongTail keeps complaining about MouseFur coughing!" He huffed with herbs in his mouth. He then left for the elders den. After finishing their fresh kill, the pair headed out with LionPaw for some battle training.

The golden tabby stood firmly on the ground facing W/n with a hard stare as he would do with an opposing clan cat. "Fight."

AshFur's order sprang LionPaw into action, recklessly running at W/n who dodged and hit his flank with a swipe.

She then leaped at him with force and the Golden Tom surprisingly kicked her off and attacked her face, she gently bit his ear.

LionPaw yelped quietly and W/n pinned him down, in order to break free of the she-cats grasp, LionPaw kicked her in the stomach and jumped on her back, Biting down on it.

"LionPaw! That's enough!" AshFur yowled, LionPaw didn't listen as he kept a firm grip on W/n, drawing Blood. "LIONPAW I SAID ENOUGH!"

The forest went silent as LionPaw stared at his mentor and realised what he had done, scrambling off W/n and the she-cat shook her fur. "Are you alright, W/n?"

"Completely fine, it's just a few bite and claw marks, I'll be fine," she reassured the grey Tom who licked the wounds clean, she then turned to LionPaw, "I love how much strength you have, especially this early in training, however never unsheathed your claws when training!"

LionPaw nodded and apologised, W/n only gave him a small smile and sent him off to eat some fresh kill, "did you see him? He was amazing!"

AshFur huffed, "I suppose so...but he hurt you!" W/n huffed slightly, she was completely fine, she isn't a kit!

They returned to camp when WhiteWing came into camp, "WindClan are being attacked by dogs!"

FireStar stood up from the rock, "CloudTail and ThornClaw! Go see what's going on, BirchFall, AshFur and LionPaw go with them."

The patrol headed out as W/n entered the medicine den so JayPaw could have some practice on healing wounds.

"How did get hurt anyway?" The silver tabby questioned blankly as he sniffed where the blood was before placing a marigold pulp on the small claw and bite marks then placing cobwebs on it.

W/n snorted, "your brother did this." This caused LeafPool to gasp, as she was sat next to JayPaw and watching over him do his duties. "LionPaw did this?"

"Yep, he's rather strong for such a young cat," W/n as she groomed herself, she then left the medicine den to rest in her nest back at the warriors den.

A few days pass and W/n's wounds had healed up, so she and AshFur were currently playing in the snow together. "You look adorable with all the snow on you!"

The p/c she-cat blushed, but quickly shook the snow off her pelt, "of course you would say that!" The grey Tom then edged closer to the ThunderClan cat.

Their faces were close together and W/n was about to nuzzled her face deeply into his fur, however her chest erupted in pain and she started coughing.

"W/n? Are you alright?!" AshFur asked worriedly, She nodded however another cough came out instead of words. Eventually it stopped, "yeah, I-"

He shook his head, "No your not alright, you may have GreenCough, we will go see LeafPool!"

AshFur basically dragged W/n back to camp and LeafPool hummed after she checked the p/c she-cat, "yeah, it's GreenCough, MouseFur, FernCloud and WhiteWing also have it..."

W/n placed herself in a nest next to FernCloud, AshFur didn't want to leave W/n and his sister but LeafPool eventually pushed him out.

CloudTail then came in, "most catmint has been killed by the frost...only these stalks remain." The brown tabby stared at the herbs with worry.

W/n then heard a patrol come back, reporting little findings of prey. This season of Leaf-bare was going to be hard...

Dawn came and PoppyPaw was now sick with GreenCough, and WindClan wasn't doing so good.

The hunting patrol came back and SquirrelFlight flattened her ears, "we couldn't find much prey, the leaf-bare has been very harsh..."

FireStar was distressed by the situation, and LeafPool had gone out to see if RiverClan could aid in the GreenCough problem, leaving poor JayPaw to keep the sick in stable condition.

"I don't think PoppyPaw is alright..." W/n croaked as she looked at the calico she-cat, her chest wasn't moving, "JayPaw, please see to her..."

The silver tabby nodded clearly happy to follow orders from W/n, he sniffed her pelt then laid beside her, seemingly falling asleep...

By this he time he woke up, LeafPool had come back with catmint and PoppyPaw was now awake, W/n was happy she was alright and the sick cats all had catmint.

"New leaf is beautiful isn't it?" AshFur hummed as he sat by the lake, W/n joined him and looked around, many flowers had started to grow, and the p/c she-cat could hear the prey running around.

She chuckled, "yes, yes it is..." the grey Tom then smiled at her and then placed his paw onto her's, W/n flinched then looked at him.

AshFur looked back, his blue eyes twinkling like the lake in front of them, she gave him a smirk, then pulled away.

"Come on, we have a gathering to get ready for!" W/n chirped, AshFur rolled his eyes and followed her back to camp, his pelt touching her's.

"But why?" He pouted, "I wanted us to have a little fun..." W/n stared at him weirdly, what as he on about?

Once the sun started to set, ThunderClan started gathering themselves up to head to the island. "Come on LionPaw!" AshFur growled, the golden tabby hopped towards his mentor and they all headed out.

W/n spoke with HollyPaw and SquirrelFlight as they walked close to the lake, AshFur wasn't so pleased, a jealous glint in his eye.

"Alright, we have arrived..." FireStar murmured, W/n was about to go and speak with the ShadowClan cats, however saw them whispering amongst themselves. "Maybe we should leave them..." AshFur growled.

"Your right," W/n whispered as she walked away from ShadowClan, that when she noticed that RiverClan and ShadowClan were secluding themselves, seemingly weak and hostile. WindClan we're happily communicating with ThunderClan.

"So many flea-brained cats...why did FireStar allow so many dirty blooded cats in his clan?" OwlPaw said in disgust to OakFur.

Before W/n could yell at him BerryPaw got there first, "what did you say, mangy ShadowClan cat?!"

The p/c she-cat flattened her ears, the cream Tom was pulled away from the ShadowClan apprentice by BrambleClaw. "Is that what you think of me, BerryPaw?"

"Oh no! Not you W/n...I honestly forgot you were from ShadowClan..." the cream Tom stared at his paws guiltily, "but your better than those cats!"

W/n gave him a weak smile, however looked away from the apprentice, AshFur then sat himself close to the p/c she-cat and wrapped his tail around her protectively, hissing at BerryPaw.

The full moon was high in the sky and the gathering began with LeopardStar, "the cold has been hard for RiverClan, and twoleg's have caused trouble in our territory...could this be a message from StarClan?"

BlackStar was quick to laugh, then glared at FireStar, "your

weakening clan blood by bringing so many outsiders into the clans, Kittypet!"

"I disagree..." OneStar stated, "the clans are completely fine, it doesn't matter the blood..."

The four clans were about to argue and make the moon disappear, however SquirrelFlight yowls for them to stop. "How about we hold a daylight gathering?"

"Yeah! It can celebrate the coming of new leaf and share skills and training methods!" W/n quickly suggested, SquirrelFlight nodded eagerly.

BlackStar hummed in response, and eventually nodded, the other three leaders agreed. "It doesn't seem like a bad idea."

"Alright," FireStar nodded, "the daylight gathering will be for the apprentices to compete in, and it'll be held in ThunderClan territory..."

Chapter 13

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"Why can't I join in?!" JayPaw argued with LeafPool, who tried her best to ignore him. "Like I said it's dangerous!"

W/n walked into the medicine den and stared at the Silver tabby with sympathy, "I can stay with you if you like, JayPaw."

"That would be great, W/n." LeafPool mewed, "now I have to go to the sky oak, make sure JayPaw stays here..."

W/n nodded at the brown tabby left, JayPaw grumbled under his breath as he sorted out herbs. The p/c she-cat decided to groom herself.

However she stops when she sees JayPaw staring off, "are you alright, JayPaw?" The silver tabby then looked at her with his blind eyes. "We need to get to ShadowClan." He stated.

The She-cat was confused, however lead the way to ShadowClan as JayPaw followed her by holding her tail in his jaws.

"There!" He meowed, W/n found it weird that JayPaw knew when to stop, but shook that off when she saw LionPaw and BreezePaw get crushed under a badger den.

W/n desperately clawed at the dirt, JayPaw freed his golden tabby brother, whilst NightCloud and CrowFeather rushed over.

Soon W/n pulled out the black Tom and set him down, "Thank you W/n for saving him!" NightCloud cried, the p/c she-cat nodded.

"It was nothing, just doing the right thing..." she mewed, she then looked at CrowFeather and gave him a small smile.

The blue eyed cat gave a smile back, However AshFur then arrived and snarled at the WindClan Tom. "FireStar has called it a draw for the clans, let's head back..."

W/n, LionPaw and JayPaw all left to return to ThunderClan, "you do know that your apprentice was almost killed right?"

The grey flecked tom didn't even bat an eye at the news, W/n narrowed her e/c eyes at him, but didn't say anything else.

Maybe he was just having a rough day? Either way it seemed like he had ants in his fur.

"Ah! ShadowClan!" HollyPaw yowled playfully, "They're attacking camp!"

LionPaw ambushed BrambleClaw outside the warrior den, JayPaw and HollyPaw started to tussle with each other. "Take that ShadowClan cat!"

"Kits...be careful, you could destroy the reinforcements!" SquirrelFlight Scolded, "now clean up a bit, we're leaving for the gathering soon..."

W/n decides to stay back for tonight, "hey, SquirrelFlight, could you tell me what happens?"

The ginger cat purred in amusement, "of course I will W/n, I won't leave you out on the drama~!"

ThunderClan then leave for the gathering and W/n sighs to herself, WhiteWing, BirchFall, Daisy and, of course, AshFur we're the only ones in camp.

She climbed into her nest and was ready to try and get some sleep, however AshFur suddenly leaped on top of her. "Woah, hello! AshFur what are you doing?"

"Wondering if you were awake?" He chuckled, W/n rolled her eyes and flipped him off her, "is that a yes?"

"Of course I'm awake!" She hissed, "anyway what do you want?" The grey Tom then smirked, "we could possibly go and wander through the forest together?"

Didn't sound like a bad idea, so W/n nodded and the two left camp.

When they got to the abandoned twoleg nest, they play fought and W/n was laying down on her back with AshFur above her, pinning her down.

"Alright, Alright! You win!" The p/c she-cat laughed, however he didn't move "A-AshFur?" He lowered his ears and looked away, "sorry I just..."

He hesitated for a minute, "I have to say this now, but I've liked you for a while now, and I started feeling like this since BrambleClaw started getting close to you...so I was wondering if-"

"I'm sorry, but I don't think I'm ready for a relationship yet..." W/n muttered, AshFur quickly let the she-cat go, "I just...I want to at least have a little more time to be mateless...I mean, how long have I been a warrior? 16 or so moons?"

AshFur hummed in response, "yeah you had the six moons of training BirchFall and then eight moons when SquirrelFlight became pregnant and had her kits..."

He seemed rather bitter from the last sentence butW/n brushed it off, "but FernCloud became mates with DustPelt and a queen as soon as she earned her warrior name."

W/n narrowed her eyes at the grey Tom, "yes, but that was because she wanted to be a full time queen! I want to be a full warrior, yes at some point I will have a mate and kits...but not now

AshFur looked hurt by the news, but forced out a smile, "o-ok, I understand!" W/n then started to feel awkward after that, so she began walking back to camp without another word, AshFur followed closely behind.

W/n awaited for the cats to arrive back from the gathering, and as soon as they returned SquirrelFlight shared the gossip.

"Wow, must of been raining really hard..." W/n mumbled to SquirrelFlight as they exited the warriors den. "For sure, I mean look at the fresh kill!"

The p/c she-cat grimaced at the soaking prey, reluctantly taking a

blackbird out and ate it with SquirrelFlight and BrambleClaw. W/n saw that AshFur was eating alone...

"Has something happened between you two?" BrambleClaw asked, W/n huffed in annoyance. "I told him last night that I'm not ready for a relationship..."

SquirrelFlight flattened her ears, "I think he's doing it to try and get your attention, he was always creepy around me..."

W/n hissed through her teeth, taking another bite out of the blackbird. She looked around the clan, watching as HollyPaw arrived back to camp and then LionPaw had only woken up in the middle of the day.

In order to avoid AshFur from asking Her to join him and LionPaw hunting, W/n went out to help JayPaw with collecting herbs...

After a few days passed, W/n had tried to keep herself away from AshFur, however he seemingly found himself everywhere that she would go, asking to join patrols with W/n being made to watch over LionPaw, not to mention the feeling of being watched...

"I may see if ShadowClan is friendly enough..." W/n muttered to herself as she left camp, the p/c she-cat made her way to the boarder and saw a patrol of RussetFur, RowanClaw and CedarHeart. "What are you doing here?" CedarHeart questioned rather rudely.

W/n looked back and saw eyes watching her from afar but shook her head, "I need to come to ShadowClan for a while, to clear my head..."

RussetFur nodded and brought the p/c she-cat to the camp, where she met TawnyPelt's new kits and spoke with her father.

"I told him that I wasn't ready for a mate yet..." W/n stated, flicking her tail, BlackStar hummed in understanding. "I know how you feel, not wanting a mate, I was exactly the same before I became a senior,"

W/n then purred in amusement, "and we all know what happened then!" The white Tom couldn't help but smirk at his daughter,

rolling his eyes.

Then she leaned on him, "I don't know if he is the right Tom, he's starting to come off as...I don't know, creepy?"

"If he does anything to you I'll kill him on the spot!" BlackStar threatened, lashing his tail, The p/c she-cat snorted. "Well I would instantly help you with that!"

After a moment of silence BlackStar muttered, "take your time W/n, don't rush, no one is forcing you, if he becomes too much, then you can always take no for an answer..."

W/n grinned at her father as he gave her a quick lick between the ears, "thank you, Father..." BlackStar gave her a quick nuzzle before standing up. "It's best that you head back, remember if things get too hard, you can always come here."

"Thank you again!" W/n chirped happily as she said goodbye to the ShadowClan leader and left the pine forest, she narrowed her eyes to still see eyes looking at her from the bushes.

"Oh W/n...there you are," The she-cat's ears perked when she heard the voice of BirchFall. SpiderLeg then scoffed, "should've known you were near ShadowClan, telling them our secrets!"

"No of course not!" W/n spat at the black Tom, AshFur then came out of nowhere with LionPaw. "Drop it SpiderLeg...I highly doubt she would say anything to them...we have nothing to hide."

SpiderLeg huffed angrily and walked away, BirchFall and MousePaw followed him, "I...thank you AshFur." W/n said coldly.

"Say, tomorrow I was thinking HollyPaw and LionPaw should train together, care you watch over with me and BrackenFur?" The grey Tom asked slyly, brushing his tail across the She-cats chin.

She didn't have an excuse so W/n sighed in defeat and nodded, "yeah I suppose..." AshFur's eyes sparkled.

"Great! I'll meet you at the hollow tomorrow at sunrise!" He chirped too happily, LionPaw gave him a weird stare before following his

mentor back to camp.

W/n just kept herself smiling until the grey Tom was out of sight, dropping the facade and quickly walking towards the WindClan boarder and pacing around, "maybe I should clean myself..."

The p/c she-cat groomed her pelt quickly and also took a drink from the shallow river, then black paws entered her vision, "CrowFeather?"

"You guess right, W/n," the WindClan warrior smiled as she lifted herself up. "How's it been for you W/?"

She awkwardly looked at her paws, flatting her ears, "I don't know what to think...AshFur has been causing problems for me..."

"Do you mean how he sticks so very close to you? Never leaving you and confused looking jealous?" CrowFeather asked, W/n widened her eyes. "Every cat in the clan can see it...well at least in WindClan, even OneStar doesn't like that Tom's behaviour."

W/n swallowed a lump in her throat, "Does BlackStar think the same...?" CrowFeather looked conflicted to say, however a rustle in the trees caused both cats to jump, "I'm sorry! We will have to talk about this another time..."

The black Tom nodded and left without a goodbye, but that didn't matter to W/n she was just scared if anyone had seen them.

"W/n!" The she-cat crouched down at the loud voice of FireStar, he stood hall on the high rock, "in my den, now..."

Oh great StarClan...maybe someone did see them? W/n looked around, seeing the confused look on every cat, all except one...

AshFur.

W/n snarled at him not breaking contact until she got to the cliff, she jumped up and entered FireStar's den. "Yes, FireStar?"

"Someone has told me that you have been meeting up with CrowFeather for quite some time, is this true?" The ginger Tom

calmly said.

She shook her head, "n-no! I only saw him once today! We were just talking about the gathering..."

FireStar Flattened his ears, "you know we can't break the code, what would your father think?" W/n glared at her leader, how dare he just believe some lying fleabag on the spot. "You will hunt all day tomorrow as punishment, I hope to see the fresh kill pile full."

W/n nodded and slowly walked out of the den, but then ran out into the forest, feeling the deep fury getting ready to burst out.

The p/c she-cat was ready to leave the clan's behind at this point, but she couldn't do that to her family, and friends...

She just growled under her breath and went back to camp, "W/n are you alright?" HollyPaw asked quietly, W/n laid down near the brambles, the black cat joining her.

"Yes, I'm fine..." She stated with a lash of her tail, HollyPaw laid beside her and huddled next to her, trying to comfort the p/c she-cat.

W/n's e/c eyes stared at HollyPaw with sadness, before looking up at the sky, can't StarClan help her out of this mess?

Chapter 14

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"Are you feeling ok?" BrackenFur questioned W/n as she sat down beside him watching HollyPaw playing with a lead in the hollow.

She nodded, "of course I am, why wouldn't I be?" Then AshFur and LionPaw approached the training hollow, and W/n stared coldly out in the distance.

The grey Tom tried to intertwine his tail with Hers but she pulled away, making him scoff. "Alright, LionPaw and HollyPaw, we would like to see how far your training had come," BrackenFur stated.

"And remember, We don't want to see claws unsheathed..." W/n added, Staring at LionPaw. The two apprentices started their fighting, HollyPaw was spitting stuff at LionPaw.

W/n was ready to intervene, However AshFur pulled her back, making her glare at him in disgust.

And in one swift motion everything went downhill as LionPaw unsheathed his claws and scratched HollyPaw's back in anger.

"I thought I said no unsheathed claws!" W/n growled at the golden tabby, BrambleClaw had to take LionPaw away and W/n took HollyPaw to the medicine den, AshFur following her all the way...

"Why didn't you stop him?!" The p/c she-cat scolded the grey flecked tom, his blue eyes stared at her in question, there was no way he could be this stupid.

He then looked at the group apologetically, "I'm sorry W/n, I was just focused on how upset you've been..." W/n bared her teeth, it was his fault that she was this angry! "Maybe I could help you with your punishment?"

W/n glared at him, "no, I can do a punishment myself! Besides your the one who got me into this mess!"

"And can you even prove that?" He said in a sassy voice, W/n rolled her eyes and left camp, she knew it was him, it had to be! His smile showed it was him, right?

"Just focus on the task at hand..." the she-cat whispered to herself as she got to work...

After a lot of work, the fresh kill pile was full with plenty of prey, and the moon was now in the sky, W/n was thankful that AshFur didn't help her, yet maybe he was right to stop her?

She could've gotten in more trouble if someone else spotted her, no what was she even thinking? Maybe at some point she will forgive him but not now...

Dawn came and W/n stretched her aching limbs, only to feel something next to her, and no surprise it was AshFur...

She quickly got out of her nest and grabbed something out of the fresh kill pile that she filled. Sitting in the clearing and quickly eating, HollyPaw then joined her.

"Is something wrong, HollyPaw?" W/n questioned, "well...I heard that Millie may be staying in the clans, it could bring more hostility..." the black she-cat confessed.

Honestly, W/n couldn't blame her for thinking such. There is a lot of mixed blood, even she felt like a burden to ThunderClan for being a pure ShadowClan cat. "It may bring more hostility but the clan will still be strong, Millie has learnt from GreyStripe how to fight and hunt, we can fight off the other clans."

The apprentice didn't seem too convinced, "don't worry about it too much." W/n soothed, licking HollyPaw between the ears.

"Everyone gather for a clan meeting!" FireStar yowled, W/n sat beside SpiderLeg and BrightHeart. "Hey...W/n, I just want to say I'm sorry for what I said..."

The ShadowClan cat gave him a small smile, "don't worry about it SpiderLeg, I forgave you a long time ago." The black Tom nodded with a smile and shuffled closer to the p/c she-cat.

"I want to make Millie a part of ThunderClan and make her a full warrior, from this day forward you'll be know as-" Millie then cleared her throat, making the ginger Tom halt his sentence.

"I don't want my name to be changed," the silver tabby stated, "I'll still be loyal to ThunderClan, but I want my name to be Millie."

The clan were shocked by the kittypets request, Daisy and Brook agreed with Millie's decision. "She's right, our given names shouldn't interfere with our loyalty," Daisy meowed.

"Then I respect your decision Millie, I won't change your name, but you will still be a full warrior of ThunderClan," FireStar stated.

The clan was dismissed and W/n looked around, not knowing what to do, then SpiderLeg suggested that they should hunt.

W/n happily agreed and they went on a hunting patrol With ThornClaw and WhiteWing. "So what going on with you and AshFur?" WhiteWing brought up and the she-cat immediately flattened her ears.

"I've fallen out with him at the moment..." W/n stated as she looked around the forest. ThornClaw then cleared his throat, "he does seem to like you. A lot..."

SpiderLeg then scoffed, "he's too pushy in my opinion...what did you fall out about?"

"Oh he just told FireStar that I was seeing CrowFeather in a live way, I wasn't! He was just mentioning how He, NightCloud and even OneStar seem creeped out by him."

WhiteWing then ruffled her fur, "he does seem a little off, but maybe you could give him a chance? He's really into you."

The patrol caught some prey and headed back to camp, only to find out that CinderPaw had fallen out of the Sky Oak.

"Will she be alright, W/n?" HollyPaw asked the warrior desperately. The she-cat calmed her down quietly, "of course she will, LeafPool and your brother are caring for her aren't they?"

HollyPaw nodded and tried to speak to Brook in order to clear her mind, W/n then stretched and walked to her nest in the Warriors den, noticing how dark it was getting.

Falling to sleep and luckily AshFur stayed away and slept in his own nest. But W/n was poked awake, "huh? What?"

"I can't sleep..." HollyPaw whispered, W/n looked towards BrambleClaw and SquirrelFlight. "Why don't you ask your parents?"

The black she-cat looked at her paws embarrassed, "there wasn't any room, so can I stay with you?" W/n nodded and HollyPaw huddled close to her and quickly fell asleep.

"W/n?" The she-cat opened her eyes and saw that SquirrelFlight and BrambleClaw were in front of her, "we just wanted to thank you for allowing HollyPaw into your nest," SquirrelFlight said with a small smile.

W/n lifted herself out of her nest and shook her fur, "I think she just needed someone, CinderPaw is her best friend after all..."

The trio all exited the warriors den and the p/c she-cat noticed AshFur's blue gaze on her. However W/n wasn't going to bother with him, not yet.

She leaves camp and finds the Dawn patrol coming back, "found anything noteworthy?" W/n asked.

"We found some WindClan apprentices almost cross the boarder when chasing a squirrel," SandStorm meowed.

W/n nodded and left the patrol alone, deciding to take a drink from the lake, however she wasn't to impressed when she saw AshFur next to her.

"Why are you avoiding me?" He questioned with a tilt of his head, W/n kept lapping up the water, and the grey Tom flattened his ears.

"Why won't you answer me!"

"Because you put your nose into my business!" She whipped her head around, her eyes flared in anger, "you just can't let me have come space, can you?"

AshFur backed away at the she-cat's outburst, "but I was only trying to protect you, I don't want you to make a mistake..."

She looked in the water at her reflection, flattening her ears, "I never had that sort of feeling for CrowFeather, I love you AshFur, but you have to give me some space."

The grey Tom perked up at what W/n had said and immediately leaned himself on her, intertwining his tail with hers, this time she didn't pull away, just to prevent anything from getting worse...

"Focus, you mouse brain!" AshFur scowled at LionPaw as he missed his prey. W/n was currently out with AshFur, LionPaw and HoneyPaw. "You can't do anything right!"

"Don't say that!" HoneyPaw came to LionPaw's defence but he quickly bit back, saying he didn't need the help.

Over the past few days, LionPaw has grown more and more sluggish and tired by the day, at least that's how W/n saw it.

The golden tabby Tom then tried to catch a vole, however failed to catch that also. Soon LionPaw and BerryPaw go out for battle training with AshFur and BrambleClaw.

W/n watches as the cream Tom easily pinned down LionPaw with a triumphant smirk. "It's an easy move LionPaw..." AshFur shook his head in disappointment. "Learn it, now."

The golden tabby was left alone as AshFur walked away and W/n slowly followed, "aren't you being a little harsh on him?"

"No, of course I'm not," he growled whilst taking a sparrow from the fresh kill pile and ate it. "W/n, can I speak with you for a minute?" SquirrelFlight walked towards her.

W/n nodded and left camp with SquirrelFlight, they stopped at the abandoned twoleg nest. "So LeafPool has allowed me to tell you, since you were like a sister to us, so we figured that we could tell, but you have to promise not to tell anyone else..."

"Of course I won't, you can trust me..." W/n stated as she sat beside the ginger cat. SquirrelFlight swallowed hard.

"LionPaw, HollyPaw and JayPaw aren't my kits, they belong to LeafPool and CrowFeather..." she sighed. W/n didn't say anything, and didn't act shock nor confused.

"Is that why you and her left camp all those moons ago?" W/n asked and SquirrelFlight nodded in response.

"I took them in to keep the secret, I don't want anyone else to know because it'll destroy LeafPool's role as a medicine cat..." SquirrelFlight went on. She then looked at the p/c she-cat with a hard stare.

W/n shook her head, "I won't tell any cat, I just hope that AshFur decides to not follow me this time."

SquirrelFlight widened her eyes and started to look around in fear, however it was their lucky day because AshFur was still in camp, speaking with ThornClaw.

Chapter 15

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"What is going on?" W/n questioned as she woke up, rain was pouring from the sky, she immediately noticed that HollyPaw was missing.

"WindClan have killed prey on our boarders!" SpiderLeg spat in disgust. "They've also taken HollyPaw..." SquirrelFlight hissed.

W/n joined the battle patrol consisting of BrambleClaw, DustPelt, WhiteWing, BrightHeart, SorrelTail, LionPaw, PoppyPaw and BerryPaw.

The battle didn't last long as after W/n attacked AshFoot she had called a retreat. "WindClan don't have HollyPaw, I found out through HeatherPaw..." LionPaw admitted.

LeafPool and JayPaw cleaned up everyone's wounds and W/n saw the Golden tabby sneak off.

SquirrelFlight soon came home with HollyPaw, "it's a good thing that JayPaw found out you were in RiverClan!" She huffed.

HollyPaw quickly ran to FireStar and desperately told him not to attack WindClan. And she also took punishment for going to RiverClan.

"LeafPool, JayPaw, I need you to speak with OneStar..." FireStar asked, they quickly left and W/n went out with AshFur and LionPaw.

The golden tabby was getting better with his hunting skills, however AshFur was far from happy, "I'm glad you've gotten better with your hunting skills."

LionPaw was happy to hear this, but W/n could hear the venom laced in his voice. When they arrived back at camp everyone was

preparing for something.

"What's happening?" AshFur asked sternly. "WindClan has declared an attack," DustPelt stated, "something to do with missing kits!"

The three quickly leave camp and W/n wanted to see what they were up to, however she decided to stay back and get ready for the attack and guarded the camp with a few other warriors.

"I'm not hearing anything..." WhiteWing whispered as she sat beside W/n. It was strange, not yowl was heard at all, was th battle truly happening?

After a long wait the ThunderClan warriors showed up with no wounds, "the battle will not be happening," FireStar stated.

"Why? What happened?" LeafPool question. The three then came in in excitement. "They found the missing kits," SquirrelFlight meowed happily as HollyPaw, JayPaw and LionPaw arrived in camp.

W/n huddled around them and gave them a hug, "I'm so proud of you three!" She chirped, "where were they?"

LionPaw seemed reluctant to say anything but HollyPaw was quick to speak, "we found them by the edge of the river!"

As the clan gathered to congratulate the apprentices, AshFur sat in a corner, glaring at the apprentices, with his claws unsheathed...

"So SpiderLeg..." W/n smoothly said as she sat beside the black Tom, "congratulations on becoming a father."

He sighed and shook his head slightly, "thank you, but I didn't want those kits with Daisy, it was a mistake! I like...someone else."

This was the first time the p/c she-cat heard of this, but she knew that SpiderLeg wouldn't tell her anything. "Well I'm sure this cat loves you back!"

"I doubt it..." he whispered, gazing at W/n with sad amber eyes, She then heard FireStar announce a clan meeting.

"It is time for new warriors to be made!" FireStar meowed, "BerryPaw, MousePaw and HazelPaw, step forward."

The three apprentices did as they were told, Daisy looked very proud of them from the nursery.

"You have done well in your assessments and it is time that you were all be made into warriors," FireStar nodded, "from this moment all you'll be known as BerryNose, MouseWhisker and HazelTail."

All cheered for the new warriors and W/n went onto a border patrol at dusk before the day ended.

It had been three days since the making of three new warriors, W/n was eating a thrush with SpiderLeg, who was still conflicted with his kits.

"You alright LionPaw?" She mewed softly as she noticed the golden tabby stomped by. He let out a loud huff, "BerryNose keeps bossing everyone around...he's been a warrior for only a few days!"

SpiderLeg snorted, "he's just proud that's all." LionPaw rolled his eyes before walking off, AshFur then entered the camp with the cream Tom.

"Would you like to see over LionPaw's training with me at sun high?" The grey Tom asked sweetly. W/n gave him a smile and nodded, "I would love to see how well he's progressed!"

AshFur's seemed put off, but he just smiled back with a wink, "alright I'll see you at the training hollow."

W/n felt her ears grow hot as the grey Tom walked away, tail held high. "I think he's trying to lead you on..." SpiderLeg huffed angrily.

"You think so?" The she-cat questioned, the black Tom didn't say anything else as they finished the thrush. "I'll see you later SpiderLeg."

He nodded shyly, "hope to see you soon..." W/n then left camp and sat in the Sandy hollow, after a few minutes of waiting, AshFur and

LionPaw showed up.

"Your here early aren't you?" AshFur snorted, W/n looked at him unimpressed. "Well your the one who's late then..."

Soon ThornClaw arrived with PoppyPaw, W/n sat strait and curled her tail around neatly around her, whilst AshFur sat close, his pelt almost touching hers.

The two apprentices battled it out and W/n watched as LionPaw used an unusual move on PoppyPaw, and flipped her over.

"That was great, LionPaw!" W/n chirped happily, "love the move by the way..."

The golden Tom was hoping to get something out of his mentor, however AshFur didn't show any warmth, "you did...great."

"AshFur," W/n snarled, "you could at least be happy for him!" ThornClaw silenced the she-cat before turning his attention onto LionPaw.

"I've never seen that move before, what was it?" The blue eyed tabby questioned, LionPaw shrugged. "I made it up actually..."

PoppyPaw gasped excitedly, "that's cool! Could you teach me how to do it?" The golden tabby then showed off the move again, and PoppyPaw was soon able to replicate it.

Everyone went back to camp and W/n sat with AshFur, "you should be happy for him...he's doing really well."

"I think he's learning too quickly," AshFur simply stated with a shrug, watching as LionPaw was manoeuvring bramble tendrils around camp.

FoxKit and IceKit then leaped on top of it, squealing happily, "ShadowClan are attacking!" IceKit mewed.

Her brother laughed, "what out for those nasty fleabags!"

W/n flattened her ears and her face dropped, WhiteWing and

CloudTail looked around alarmed, and other warriors around stared at the kits.

"Your disturbing the others!" LionPaw hissed as he dragged the bramble to the elders den. AshFur gave a sorrowful glance to W/n.

"They're just kits..." he soothed, W/n looked away. "I know, but it hurts when someone talks about my birth clan like that."

AshFur sighed, "will a spot of hunting help clear your mind?" The she-cat slowly shook her head. "No thanks I'm tired...but your happy to join me if you wish."

The grey cat agreed quickly and the two made their way into the warriors den, W/n curled up into her nest and AshFur joined her carefully, he gave her one swift lick on the ear before quickly falling asleep.

She was glad to at least see that he backed away a little bit, not smothering her at all times. Soon the she-cat closed her e/c eyes and fell asleep too.

When the sun rose, W/n was woken up by the complaints of IceKit and FoxKit, she lifted herself up on her paws and AshFur was woken up.

He followed her out of the den silently and went to share prey with ThornClaw. "What's all the racket about?"

"HollyPaw gave Daisy a plump blackbird!" The ginger Tom wined. FernCloud was quick to silence them, "you can get your own prey from the pile!"

W/n rolled her eyes playfully, but saw that HollyPaw was lost in thought, "W/n, can I speak with you for a minute?"

"Of course you can," the p/c she-cat soothed. The two then left camp and walked through the forest. "So what's troubling you?"

The black cat sighed, "I feel like everyone expects she-cats to have kits, but I don't want that, I want to be a warrior!"

W/n gave a small smile to HollyPaw, "sweetie, your only an apprentice, focus on your Warrior training first, also I'm sure they're have been plenty of she-cat who never took a mate, I certainly know one..."

"Who?" HollyPaw questioned, W/n laughed a little. "BlackStar told me about her when I stayed at ShadowClan, it's the founder of the clan, ShadowStar."

The black she-cats eyes widened in amazement, "a founder of the clans?! How does BlackStar know?"

"He...has his ways, he couldn't tell me why exactly, but she apparently never had kits, on the plus side, she looks exactly like you, black pelt and striking green eyes..." w/n spoke proudly.

HollyPaw stared up in amazement at the sky, smiling happily, "she looks exactly like me?"

W/n nodded and brought the apprentice close to her, giving HollyPaw a small lick on the head, "don't worry or fuss about kits, now is not the time...and choose your path, if you don't want kits, no one will force you too."

AshFur and W/n we're currently hunting together near the abandoned twoleg nest. "I hope nothing happens on that patrol, whenever FireStar is around something goes sour."

"Your right about that," W/n snorted in amusement, "it's like he's the main-"

A yowl was then heard from ShadowClan's boarder. AshFur smirked and raised a brow, "speaking of which..."

The two warriors were quick to run to the boarder and saw OakFur, RussetFur and RowanClaw hissing at BerryNose and BirchFall.

FireStar's patrol were there too, clearly the two toms had done something wrong, "we caught them in our territory!" RowanClaw hissed at FireStar.

"And they were stealing prey!" RussetFur spat at BirchFall. The light

brown tabby hissed at the red she-cat, "we didn't do that!"

"That's enough BirchFall!" W/n silenced her former apprentice, who looked down in shame. FireStar lifted his head, "it's good to see you here W/n..."

OakFur narrowed his eyes at the p/c she-cat, "maybe you should come back to ShadowClan, W/n."

Then BlackStar walked in front of his cats, glaring at BirchFall, Everyone stood with their paws ready.

However the white Tom only sighed, "we should never have come to the lake, StarClan was wrong to bring us here."

FireStar stared at BlackStar with a clouded gaze, "the forest is gone, we can't go back..."

"There must of been ancient cats that lives here long before they divided into clans," BlackStar hissed Quietly before leaving with his senior warriors.

Ancient cats? He clearly was going funny if he thought that cats lived her before. The patrol left and BirchFall and BerryNose were given punishment, as they actually did steal prey.

A few days pass and W/n was currently laying down in the clearing with SpiderLeg, the black Tom was gently grooming the p/c she-cats pelt.

She sees HollyPaw and CinderPaw talking as they carried old moss out of the elder's den, W/n smiled, glad to see that the black she-cat was cheerful.

"How's RoseKit and ToadKit?" W/n questioned, turning her head towards SpiderLeg, he seemed rather uncomfortable hearing their names. "They need a father you know..."

The black Tom huffed, "yes, but I don't think I'll be good enough for them." W/n sat herself up and leaned on him. "Go and see them..."

SpiderLeg nodded with a blush on his face, he walked away from

the she-cat and entered the nursery. AshFur then approached W/n, "would you like to have a walk outside of camp?"

W/n smiled and hopped towards the camp entrance, "sure! I would like to do something good instead of sitting around!"

Chapter 16

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The sun was high in the sky, W/n was shaking her pelt, trying to get it dry. She noticed CloudTail, ThornClaw, BrackenFur and AshFur arrive with their apprentices, the grey flecked tom was also soaked.

"What have you two been doing?" BrackenFur questioned as he looked between the wet cats, W/n licked her chest fur embarrassed. "That's none of your business..."

She felt her cheeks heat up as AshFur smirked and sat beside her, trying to clean his own fur. The apprentices giggled between each other, earning a glare from CloudTail.

They were focusing on a battle move and W/n could sense the boredom coming from HollyPaw.

The p/c she-cat noticed LionPaw fidgeting, then he reluctantly spoke, "can I try the move? I'm ready to do it."

W/n looked at AshFur who was seemingly staring at the she-cat before snapping out of his thoughts. "It's advanced, you won't be able to do it."

"I feel like he can," W/n stated, she looked at the golden tabby and nodded, "give it a go." LionPaw walked into the hollow and AshFur followed.

Everyone let them have space as LionPaw leaps into the air and lands on the grey Tom's shoulders perfectly, HollyPaw watched in astonishment.

"So will you be tougher on me now AshFur?" LionPaw questioned with a lash of his tail. The grey Tom glared at him, hostility in his voice, "do you actually want tough?"

The golden tabby nodded and then the two cats west led each other, but it soon turns nasty as they both screech in a tangle of fur.

HollyPaw yowls, "please someone separate them!" W/n watches in horror as specks of bloods flew in the air, a drop splashing on her left forepaw.

"That's enough!" The p/c she-cat yowled as she stopped AshFur from swiping his apprentices ear. His eyes were full of fury but he quickly calmed down at the sight of W/n.

LionPaw was dragged away from the grey Tom and W/n licked his fur, "are you alright, LionPaw?"

He nodded slowly, "yes, of course I am..." W/n turned to AshFur and bared her teeth. "That was very stupid of you AshFur...he's only an apprentice!"

"Great job LionPaw..." he huffed in exhaustion, "you fought like a warrior, all of the other apprentices should fight like you."

CinderPaw and PoppyPaw looked at each other in disbelief, HollyPaw on the other hand looked rather reluctant to congratulate her brother.

"You were so good, you can have the first pick of fresh kill..." AshFur added on the golden tabby hopped away proudly, completely ignoring the fact he still has blood on his pelt.

W/n shot a look at AshFur, "you, me, to the lake. NOW!" The grey Tom followed her like he was in a trance and W/n pushed him into the lake, pinning him down.

"Your lucky the water is shallow near the edge..." she huffed. AshFur smirked, "too bad you can't get rid of me yet."

W/n ordered him to wash himself in the lake so that's what he did, shaking his pelt clean, all that was needed was a medicine cat to see to him.

"Now go see LeafPool..." she meowed, AshFur nodded and strutted away. "Yes o great one!" The she-cat flicked her ear in annoyance as

she watched the grey Tom walk off.

She then looked into the lake, sighing heavily. "What am I going to do with him?"

(This is where the tribe comes in and honestly, I don't want to write anything about them, as they aren't important and will just waste time, so we are skipping to eclipse!)

W/n was waiting as patiently as she could, however she was fidgety, waiting for the travelling cats to return...

She had been waiting all day for them to come back, anxious on wether they will all return in one piece.

But her thoughts were broken when HollyPaw crashed into the P/c she-cat, followed by her brothers, "your all alright!" She laughed in relief.

"Of course we were!" JayPaw huffed, "I am a medicine cat after all!" SquirrelFlight and BrambleClaw had also arrived back.

TawnyPelt and CrowFeather had gone back to their own clans on the way.

The next day, W/n slowly enters the apprentice den and nudges LionPaw awake, he opened his eyes groggily. It was obvious that he was still tired from the journey.

"AshFur wanted me to wake you up," She whispered, "your going hunting with WhiteWing and IcePaw." The golden Tom nodded slowly and shook out his fur before leaving the den, and then left camp with a clearly irritated AshFur.

W/n sighed heavily, wondering why AshFur had ants in his pelt every time he had to go with his apprentice.

"Hey W/n!" SpiderLeg greeted her happily, it wasn't like him to be so cheerful. "What's up with you?" The she-cat questioned, flicking her tail slightly.

The black Tom's paws couldn't stay fixed to the ground, "I was

wondering, since AshFur is out, would you like to go hunting with me?"

She gazed at SpiderLeg and smiled, "of course!" He smiled back with a blush on his face and the two left camp, making sure to stay away from AshFur.

W/n quickly caught scent of a shrew, twitching her whiskers slightly and crouching down. With a quick leap she caught it.

"That was a good catch!" SpiderLeg commented as he ran towards her, W/n gave a shy smile, feeling her ears warming up.

As SpiderLeg walked away he dragged his tail gently under the she-cat's chin. Her heart started beating uncontrollably, feeling a surge of happiness around the black Tom.

But surely AshFur would be upset? W/n looked at her Shrew before shaking her head, noticing that SpiderLeg had caught a sparrow.

Maybe her life wasn't meant to be with the grey Tom, besides he was a rather strange cat...

After catching a few mice, W/n and SpiderLeg arrived back to camp, and she suddenly felt eyes on her.

Quickly dropping her prey on the ground and groomed herself alone. LionPaw then sat with her, and eventually HollyPaw joined them.

"What's with you and SpiderLeg?" HollyPaw teased, the p/c she-cat felt embarrassed and licked her chest quickly.

She shook her head, "there's nothing going on between us..." LionPaw narrowed his eyes with a playful look. "Your face says otherwise!"

W/n shooed away the apprentices and then ran away laughing. Did she love SpiderLeg more than AshFur?

Then, the she-cat looked towards the nursery, feeling guilty for Daisy, if rumours were going around about her and SpiderLeg.

W/n walked towards the nursery and looked inside seeing Daisy looking down at her kits, "Daisy...I-"

The cream she-cat flicked her tail and W/n silenced herself, "I know, I should've know. By the way he looks at you..."

Now she felt even more guilty, The p/c she-cat walked closer to Daisy and laid beside her, looking at the two kits that were sleeping close.

"I don't know if I can be mates with him though..." W/n sighed, Daisy's blue eyes showed confusion.

"Why's that dear?" She asked. W/n looked out of the nursery and saw AshFur walk pass, and he didn't look too happy. "AshFur...he confessed to me but I told him to wait..."

Daisy had a look of disgust when she heard AshFur's name and scoffed, "I may not of been here for long, but I see him as weird, not a good pick."

W/n narrowed her eyes, but didn't say anything. Did every cat who wasn't from ThunderClan see AshFur as a weird one?

Maybe the life that W/n wanted wasn't going to be the happy ending she had hoped.

The she-cat opens her eyes when a squeal is heard from outside. Huffing slightly, W/n stretches her limbs and exits the warriors den to see a distressed SpiderLeg and ToadKit wining.

"FireStar should clear out those nettles!" Daisy complains as she sits with RoseKit, W/n shakes her head as JayPaw comes to help the black and white kit.

The silver tabby then senses the p/c she-cat watching, "could you get some dock leaves?" W/n could hear annoyance in his voice. She nodded and fetched the large leaves with brown spots and gave them to the Tom.

JayPaw quickly sorted out ToadKit and W/n decided to go and solo hunt, however when she left the den, AshFur had followed her.

"Hello, AshFur!" She purred happily, "you alright?" The grey Tom had a stern look on his face, seemingly trying to bite back his anger.

He walked closer to W/n with his teeth showing, "so what's this about you and SpiderLeg?"

Oh here we go...W/n narrowed her eyes, "nothing is going on..." AshFur laughed and his eyes blazed with fury. "Don't pull that trick! Everyone in camp is talking about you!"

W/n cursed under her breath, she tried to turn away to at least leave the conversation but the grey flecked tom stopped her.

"I thought we had an agreement..." he whispered in a husky voice, sending shivers up the she-cat's spine, "I thought you needed time before having a mate."

As he was about to bite down on her scruff, W/n pulled herself away from him. Her e/c eyes furrowed. "What is wrong with you?!"

There was a eerie silence in the cold breeze, the p/c she-cat didn't know what else to say, but after a moment her tail dropped, "I...I do still want to be mates, you know how rumours spread like wild fire, plus SpiderLeg has Daisy, and kits..."

AshFur was silent, darting his eyes across the grass, without another word he walked away and W/n couldn't help but sigh in relief.

As she hunted, the warrior then started to think, SpiderLeg was definitely the better option at this point, W/n even grew up with the black Tom!

AshFur was her mentor, W/n then felt a sudden wave of disgust at the thought of it, instead trying to focus on catching enough prey for the clan.

The next few days were a nightmare, having AshFur now back to being clinging and not allowing SpiderLeg to even get close.

And W/n didn't know what to do, it seemed that the grey Tom was just waiting for her to give in and accept him as a mate. Other than that, CinderPaw's leg had buckled underneath her when doing her

warriors assessment...

Now everyone was watching HoneyPaw and PoppyPaw becoming warriors. "Do you promise to uphold the warrior code? And defend your clan even at the cost of your life?"

The she-cats nodded and W/n let herself smile, however it quickly faded when AshFur pressed himself up close to her.

"Then by the power of StarClan, you'll be known as HoneyFern and PoppyFrost!" FireStar yowls to the sky, "They now welcome you as full warriors of ThunderClan."

The she-cat then heard a certain golden Tom huff, "cats shouldn't be mooning over each other, it distracts them from being true warriors!"

HollyPaw laughed at her brother, whilst W/n raised a brow at LionPaw, the meeting came to an end and The p/c she-cat confronted the apprentice.

"You realise that without cats falling in love, the clans wouldn't be here right?" She stated, "and every cat is a great warrior, no matter what..."

W/n left the golden tabby looking slightly embarrassed and AshFur followed her to the fresh kill pile, she picked out a squirrel to eat.

"That was some words, W/n," AshFur meowed as he bit into the squirrel, the she-cat narrowed her eyes at him.

"...anyway, I heard that WindClan has been taking prey from our territory," she mumbled, trying to lead the conversation away from kits.

AshFur hummed in response, "yeah, found a piece of squirrel fur with WindClan scent all over it!"

"But maybe they have a reason?" W/n meowed back at him, "BrambleClaw did report back a while ago that they looked thin."

Suddenly AshFur rose to his paws, looking down at W/n will a

harsh glare, "there is no reason for them to take our prey, you sound like FireStar more than your own father!"

He then walked away, and W/n could only give a snarl in response, knowing she doesn't have to be like BlackStar.

Chapter 17

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"W/n are you ready for the Dawn patrol?" BrackenFur walked over to the p/c she-cat who was eating a shrew alone.

She nodded with a flick of her ear, "yeah, I'll be glad to get out of camp..." the she-cat looked at AshFur with a scowl.

The grey tabby gave her a smile back, which only made her anger grow. "Oh SpiderLeg is coming with us," the brown tabby stated.

W/n's face changed quickly and her e/c eyes sparkled, "really?" In an instant she felt embarrassed and licked her chest fur.

BrackenFur purred in amusement at the she-cat, "come on, they're waiting for us in the forest."

So the patrol consisted of W/n, BrackenFur, SpiderLeg and LionPaw. And the she-cat was so grateful that AshFur wasn't joining his apprentice.

"I heard that you missed me," SpiderLeg hopped towards W/n, they're pelts we're now touching and W/n felt as if her problems melted away. "Of course I have, that fleabag has kept me away from you..."

The black Tom snorted, LionPaw was repulsed by the scene whilst BrackenFur allowed the two to have their much needed time.

The patrol stopped at the small stream that separated the territory, "alright, remember what FireStar said," BrackenFur turned towards everyone.

"That if there are intruders, then we don't fight them," W/n stated. "And we are only looking for Prey stealing." SpiderLeg finished with a proud nod, making W/n laugh.

BrackenFur hummed in response and the cats split up and LionPaw

was heard near a large tree, "there's something up there!"

W/n quickly padded up to him and sniffed, "smells fresh...do you know how to climb yet?" The golden tabby shook his head and W/n crouched and the leaped up on the branch.

SpiderLeg and BrackenFur had arrived to see her pick up the remains of a blackbird and jump off the tree.

"Your good a climbing, has anyone ever told you that?" SpiderLeg purred, W/n felt her ears heat up and she gave him a smile.

"Now isn't the time SpiderLeg," BrackenFur stated, he sniffed the blackbird. "Yeah, that's fairly new, we may have just missed the killer."

LionPaw huffed quietly, W/n took another smell of the bird, catching WindClan scent.

"Let's take it back," SpiderLeg stated, W/n agreed and grabbed the bird gently and the two walked away as BrackenFur and LionPaw kept searching.

When they arrived everyone has their eyes on them and FireStar lifted himself up, now standing proudly on the high rock.

"We found this blackbird, it has WindClan scent on it," SpiderLeg stated with amber eyes glaring in anger.

ThornClaw snarled, "we need to teach WindClan a lesson about boundaries!" DustPelt nodded.

"OneStar has stolen from us too many times, I hope to meet him in battle soon!" He added. MouseFur huffed grumpily.

"They've changed so much ever since TallStar died!" The brown she-cat spat. Everyone started yelling and FireStar looked conflicted on what to do.

W/n stepped forward, "I think they should be attacked..." AshFur quickly agreed. "Yes! They need to be taught a lesson!"

The she-cat was laying beside the lake currently watching over JayPaw and CinderPaw, "so what is this swimming lesson about?"

"This will help CinderPaw strengthen her leg!" JayPaw stated, he turned back to CinderPaw to tell her how to swim. W/n was only there just in case some cat were to drown.

When CinderPaw's legs left the safety of the rocky terrain below she yowled, "help! I'm drowning!"

Before W/n could help her, JayPaw stopped the warrior, "I'm...doing it! I can swim!" The dark grey tabby chirped happily.

"Wow...so the idea of swimming was for...?" The p/c she-cat tilted her head slightly. JayPaw rolled his eyes, "it was so CinderPaw could strengthen her leg without too much pressure."

Then a brown tabby revealed herself, "well done JayPaw!" LeafPool praised, W/n could sense her aching heart, but in order to prevent JayPaw from reading from her she clouded her thoughts, with SpiderLeg. "Leave the water soon though, oh and JayPaw we have the half moon meeting tonight,"

LeafPool walked off and JayPaw helped CinderPaw out of the water, "oh you have weird thoughts, you know that?" He whispered to W/n.

She didn't show any expression as the two left, LeafPool had told her of JayPaw's powers, and with W/n knowing her secret, she of course has to make sure not to think about it.

That night when everyone was asleep, W/n felt herself being woken up she looked around and met the blind eyes of JayPaw.

"Thank StarClan it's you..." she whispered, carefully getting out of AshFur's paws, "what is it?"

JayPaw looked slightly reluctant to speak, but he flicked his tail for the warrior to follow him out of camp.

"What's troubling you?" She whispered, sitting down by the lake. The silver tabby looked in her direction. "It's something maybe you

should be worried about."

The she-cat tilted her head to the side, signaling for the medicine cat to go on, "I walking into the dreams of LittleCloud, apparently BlackStar is loosing his faith in StarClan."

"Woah, woah!" W/n halted the Tom from saying anything else, "JayPaw, I may be a warrior, but I know that one rule is to never tell anyone about the dreams, let alone another cat's!"

Before the silver tabby could spit something back at her, W/n shook her head and sighed, "but I know you were only telling me because it's my father...and I can't blame you for that."

The colours shifted in the sky, the sun rising slowly and revealing the red orange sky beneath the darkness, W/n yawns loudly and flicked her tail, seeing that AshFur was still asleep beside her.

Her mind started to drift in the large ocean of thoughts, maybe AshFur is the only cat for her? Yes, SpiderLeg has been an option, but he has Daisy.

Suddenly AshFur yawned and opened his blue eyes, they shone brightly when he smiled at the p/c she-cat.

However a loud yowl from the nursery made both cats turn their heads to the entrance of the warriors den, seeing Daisy and the two medicine cats rush past.

"Seems like Millie is have her kits..." W/n mewed quietly, she looked at AshFur with worry, "so you think she'll make it?"

The grey Tom blinked at her in confusion, "why do you say that?" W/n rolled her eyes. "I may be from a different clan, but I've heard the stories of BrokenStar, TigerStar and SilverStream."

She looked back on when FireStar had told her, SquirrelKit and LeafKit. Honestly she probably could've got on with life without knowing what had happened to GreyStripe's first love.

Then W/n remembered what JayPaw told her, giving the she-cat a reason to get up and speak to him in ShadowClan.

"Where are you going?" AshFur quickly spat, almost defensively. W/n looked at him with a narrowed gaze, "I have to speak to BlackStar."

AshFur snarled, "ThunderClan is your family." The she-cat whipped her head around eyes angry.

"Of course ThunderClan is my family! But so is ShadowClan!" She spat back. Then SpiderLeg walked passed, but stopped as he heard the bickering. "You alright here?"

"Oh yeah, I'm fine..." W/n huffed as she licked her fur, "just planning to visit BlackStar." The black toms eyes lit up, "can I come with you?"

Before the p/c she-cat could reply, AshFur butted in, "if he's going, then I'm going with you too..."

W/n's tail dropped to the ground, "fine...let's go before the noise of kitting echoes in my ears."

Both toms followed the she-cat out of camp and took a rather awkward walk to ShadowClan.

A/n: bit of a short one, but I'm going to be taking a small break for a while. Hope you all understand :)

Chapter 18

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"What are you doing here?" BlackStar question with surprising hostility, w/n flattened her ears sadly, "I just wanted to speak with you..."

The white Tom narrowed his eyes at her, but soon relaxed, "alright, let's speak in my den so your ThunderClan cats don't hear."

She nodded in understanding and followed her father into the leader den, he sat down proudly and W/n sat beside him, "it's about your faith," she whispered.

"My faith?" BlackStar sounded surprised by this, "how do you know?" W/n was about to say the real reason but cut herself off, "well, I guess it was just a feeling...I mean you are my father."

He laughed a little and shook his head, "I am loosing my faith...it's because I believe that the lake isn't are intended home, but FireStar clearly won't listen."

W/n nodded in understanding, "yeah...ThunderClan leaders can be like that." BlackStar hummed in response and looked out of his den to see AshFur and SpiderLeg bickering.

"So is there two toms in this relationship now?" He asked with a hint of amusement in his eyes, W/n blushed in embarrassment, "what? No? Dad how could you say that!"

BlackStar laughed loudly and W/n sunk her self low to the ground, "well they both seem interested in you?"

The ThunderClan she-cat sighed and nodded slowly, "I know that...but SpiderLeg already has a mate and kits so the only real choice is..."

"AshFur?" The leader questioned, she nodded and saw the grey Tom

staring directly at her. BlackStar growled at him, "if he does anything, just know you can always come here if needed, so is SpiderLeg."

W/n smiled happily as her tail held high, thank StarClan that she now had a place to get away, and with SpiderLeg too!

However there was still the nagging feeling of her father's belief in StarClan, "please think about your belief...for me?"

"Alright, only for you," he sighed and the she-cat nodded goodbye as she left her father's den, AppleFur and ToadFoot approached her.

"Big Sis! Where have you been?" ToadFoot chirped happily as they greeted each other with a headbutt. "I've been...busy with someone."

AppleFur gasped, "is it a Tom!" W/n silenced her with a paw to the muzzle, "shh!" The p/c she-cat hissed, ToadFoot looked like he was ready to explode.

"Is it the grey speckled one?" He smirked. W/n flattened her ears, but couldn't help the blush on her cheeks appear.

Is it true feeling though?

She stared at the ground, "I don't know, AshFur is giving me a rough time, yet I can't help but..."

"Like him?" The brown she-cat questioned with uncertainty. W/n swallowed the lump in her throat. "Sister you do know that really isn't healthy?"

W/n sighed looking towards AshFur who was staring directly at her, "I-I know...but what would he do?"

ToadFoot quickly became aggressive, "hey! If he does anything to you we will claw him to pieces!" W/n smiled at her two half-siblings.

"Thank you," she whispered as she walked away. SpiderLeg gave her a soft smile, "you ready to go?"

With a nod the three cats left ShadowClan and back into the familiar ThunderClan forest. But when they arrived to camp there was something off.

Immediately W/n caught onto the Heather scent in camp, and her eyes became locked onto a calico Tom, "who is that?" She questioned DustPelt.

"He apparently goes by the name Sol..." the brown tabby mumbled, this Tom named Sol then looked towards W/n.

"Ah, you must be W/n...the black and white kit told me so much about you," he slowly spoke, edging closer to the she-cat who hissed at him.

AshFur was quick to jump in front of W/n and unsheathed his claws, "stay away you rouge!" Sol laughed, and shook his head.

"Please I'm not here to fight," he stated, then looked towards FireStar, "I just want to speak with with your medicine cats..."

LeafPool and JayPaw looked confused, W/n was surprised that a rouge knew about medicine cats. "Well I'm sure it's...important," the brown tabby mewed.

FireStar looked reluctant but nodded, "alright, JayPaw should go with you too, and W/n, be their bodyguard."

The p/c she-cat nodded with her chest puffed out before following Sol out of camp with the medicine cats.

Soon they arrived at the abandoned twoleg place and sat down, a chilly breeze drifting through the air.

Sol looked at W/n with his mesmerising yellow eyes, "this is something for only the medicine cats to know, I wish to speak with them alone."

LeafPool gave W/n a reassuring nod and so the warrior walked away but kept her eyes on the calico in case he did something.

Quickly the medicine cats turned their backs on the rouge and W/n

followed them back to camp, "what was it about?"

"Something about the sun disappearing, but what does a Rouge know?" JayPaw stated bitterly.

LeafPool shook her head, "he was saying that we should only fend for ourselves and not listen to our ancestors." W/n then began to worry about her father even more.

The clan was currently peaceful, W/n was asleep with AshFur next to her, and the Tom was acting normally than he usually was.

"W/n?" He whispered, the she-cat opened her eyes and hummed, "I was wondering...are you ready yet? To become mates I mean..."

She looked at him with a smile, "yes, I would like to try it." AshFur looked surprised and quickly became filled with happiness, nuzzling his new mate affectionately.

However everything went wrong as WindClan invaded and everyone jumped up to battle, W/n and AshFur attacked AshFoot and TornEar.

But FireStar's yowl was heard from above, "what is the meaning of this?!" The WindClan cats back away all hostile glared plastered on their faces. "How dare you!"

They then split in the middle and OneStar approaches, LionPaw looks shocked, and W/n hisses at the brown tabby. "You have no right to be here..." she spat, FireStar glared at her.

"ThunderClan watches the suffering of others," he snarled, "waiting for us to beg for help as if they were sent by StarClan, but we won't do that, WindClan are real warriors and will fight for survival." The WindClan cats all yowled in agreement and W/n lashes her tail.

FireStar's green eyes blazed with fury, however he kept his voice calm, "then we will fight if needed, now get out."

"If you want a battle, you can have one," OneStar laughed as he turned away and left camp with his warriors.

No one knew what to do or say, "go and check if they have left DustPelt," FireStar growled, the tabby nodded and a patrol leaves.

W/n decides to help with building up the thorn barrier, "can't believe this had to happen," she scoffed.

SorrelTail huffed, "WindClan said we are cowards and wanting everyone to ask for help!" Her daughters started speaking bad about the moor cats.

What was OneStar even on? Catnip? The patrol returned with concerning news, "they haven't left our territory," WhiteWing muttered, "they've spilt up!"

FireStar nodded and jumped on the high rock, "we will sent three battle patrol out, GreyStripe you stay here with the rest of the cats."

The grey Tom nodded as he assigned cats to the patrol to defend camp, W/n was teamed with AshFur, LionPaw, PoppyFrost, SpiderLeg and BerryNose.

"I'll protect you from those WindClan cats," AshFur stated proudly, W/n scoffed playfully, "sure you will!"

In the corner of her eye she noticed SpiderLeg looking sad but she shook it off, knowing he has Daisy and two kits to look after.

"Fox dung!"

Everyone turned around to see BerryNose shaking himself off, "there's a mouse hole here!" FireStar rolls his eyes but they then see a tunnel entrance.

"This has to be what they used to get here," AshFur growled, W/n looked around and caught the black pelt of NightCloud.

And suddenly they are swarmed by the WindClan Cats, and W/n is attacked by HareSpring and AntPelt.

SpiderLeg had thrown The brown Tom off her and chased him away, whilst she and AshFur attacked HareSpring without mercy, making him run away.

"W/n!" She heard HollyPaw behind her, the black she-cat was panting heavily, "what are you doing here?" She asked.

HollyPaw heavily sighed, "I came here to get you! BrambleClaw told me to get BlackStar to aid us, we are swarmed!"

Suddenly, RiverClan are spotted swimming close to ThunderClan territory, OneStar snorted, "clearly RiverClan also agrees..."

W/n nodded to HollyPaw and the two ran to ShadowClan, "we need to see BlackStar!" W/n yowled, causing everyone to become alert and ask questions.

"What's happened?" The white Tom appeared from his den with RussetFur. HollyPaw explained the situation and the dark ginger she-cat hummed, "clearly OneStar has forgotten that there are four clans..."

"RussetFur, organise patrols for ThunderClan's aid," BlackStar instructed. TawnyPelt then approached them. "I'll go back with you."

The three she-cats left and saw that the battle was still going on, and ThunderClan was struggling.

ShadowClan patrols arrive and all four clans were now in a heated battle over life and death, W/n got herself caught in a scrap with MistyFoot, AshFoot and ReedWhisker.

Earning many scratches, however as LionPaw runs over with the rest of FireStar's patrol, ReedWhisker slashed at the p/c she-cats flank before he was flung off.

AshFur quickly came to her side, "are you alright?!" She nodded slowly, however the wound was bleeding, and showed no sign of stopping. "You need to go see LeafPool!"

Before W/n could answer, the sky darkened as a black circle covered up the sun, and the she-cat felt herself fall to the ground...

Chapter 19

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AshFur looked towards the two she-cats in the medicine den, watching W/n breathing faintly whilst SquirrelFlight was awake and nuzzling BrambleClaw.

It still pained the grey Tom to see SquirrelFlight so affectionate with the deputy, 'I will make you suffer, for leaving me in the dust' he thought whilst his ears flattened.

Should he still be angry at the ginger she-cat when he now has a mate? In his eyes yes, but to others it is rather pathetic.

"They need to rest," LeafPool informed the Tom cats, "please leave, especially you AshFur."

He nodded sadly before leaving the medicine den, looking back to see JayPaw huddle close to W/n, AshFur felt jealousy rise in his chest but shook it off.

"Come sit with us AshFur," SandStorm mewed to the Tom, he grabbed a shrew of the fresh kill pile and sat with DustPelt, BrambleClaw, CloudTail and eventually FireStar and LionPaw.

He looked at his apprentice with a cold expression, the golden tabby was seemingly lost in his own world whilst his claws dug at the dirt beneath him.

"Do you think the sun will disappear again?" FireStar cleared his throat. AshFur hummed as he took a bite out of his prey, "it might be the start of something, and I'll claw WindClan the next time I see them."

The ginger Tom shook his head, "we shouldn't panic, nor cause anymore problems..."

"Do you think it was a message?" DustPelt questioned, "and that's

why the sun was failing."

SandStorm rolled her eyes, "the sun wasn't failing," BrambleClaw's tail flicked, "it could of happened to stop the battle."

"Does StarClan really control when the sun will disappear though?" CloudTail meowed, AshFur glared at his foster brother. "You dare challenge StarClan?"

As they bickered, LionPaw looked agitated and his claws dug deeper into the soil below. BrambleClaw looked at his son, "anything you would like to say?"

"Yes, actually, we must teach WindClan a lesson!" The golden tabby spat, AshFur nodded, "I agree!"

This is the only time he would agree with such a cat, he thought. FireStar and BrambleClaw immediately rejected the idea. "Too much blood has already been spilt, we can't have anymore of our warriors injured."

"Will LeafPool share tongues with StarClan?" SandStorm questioned, FireStar nodded slowly. "Once the wounded can manage without her..."

DustPelt looked up at the sky, "I hope it'll be soon." AshFur sighed, "the sooner the better."

W/n eyes opened slowly, looking around to see BrightHeart in the medicine den. "What happened?"

The white and ginger she-cat turned around and her eyes lit up, "oh thank StarClan your awake!"

SquirrelFlight lifted her head up and smiled at the p/c she-cat, "glad to see that we both made it..."

"But...what happened?" W/n asked, BrightHeart was about to answer but the warrior then remembered. "Oh, wait the sun disappeared didn't it? Has is returned?"

"Yes, but no one knows why it vanished," SquirrelFlight stated, "LeafPool should hopefully be seeing StarClan about it soon..."

But then JayPaw and his siblings enter the den, fear was struck on their face. "We need to speak with W/n!" HollyPaw meowed.

SquirrelFlight gave her daughter a questionable look, "what's wrong?" LionPaw shook his head.

"It's information that she needs to know, and only her," he replied back. Suddenly LeafPool appears, "what is going on?"

BrightHeart quickly exited the medicine den, SquirrelFlight narrowed her gaze towards the three, "they need to speak with W/n..."

The brown tabby she-cat quickly shook her head, "No she needs to Rest, out all of you!" JayPaw huffed in annoyance as HollyPaw and LionPaw are forced out of the medicine den.

W/n raised a brow at the silver tabby, who stared back at her with blue milky eyes, "it's about ShadowClan..."

"She doesn't need to hear it, not when she is in such a bad condition..." SquirrelFlight stated, JayPaw growled and stomped away.

However the p/c she-cat was already worried about her birth clan...

A few days had passed and it was time for the gathering, W/n and SquirrelFlight were allowed to join however they had to be careful.

ThunderClan we're currently walking to the small island, having to pass by WindClan territory, "I'll still claw them the next time they pick a fight and hurt you..." AshFur spat.

"I can handle myself, don't worry," W/n mewed back as she touched pelts with him. When they arrived to the island, there was not a ShadowClan cat in sight.

"Where are they?" The p/c she-cat asked worriedly, AshFur looked around and frowned. "They must be coming soon..."

Then HollyPaw's ears pricked, "it's just BlackStar and Sol?" The ShadowClan leader seemed calm as everyone turned to look at him.

"We have brought news," The large white Tom meowed, "ShadowClan will no longer attend gatherings, we no longer believe that StarClan has the answers for everything, the living can fend for themselves and Sol, a loner, predicted the sun would vanish..."

LeopardStar's fur bristled, "how did Sol know the sun would vanish?"

"I just used my experience to find out..." He mewed softly, BlackStar then turned his back on the three clans. "Also, I want my daughter back, she will stay with her true clan starting tomorrow..."

He then left with Sol and everyone started whispering. W/n flattened her ears, "I thought he was going to keep believing in StarClan..."

OneStar then growled at FireStar, "now this isn't something you can fix is it?"

"We can't fight now," the golden spotted she-cat mewed, looking up into the sky and sighing, "there's only three clans now..."

AshFur then called, "but what about W/n? They want her to join back with them!" FireStar lowered his head. "In order to prevent another fight, she will have to join ShadowClan."

The she-cat nodded with her tail held high, "I'll try and talk him out of it..." she meowed, she then looked at the three, seeing them look so upset made W/n's heart twist.

"B-But..." AshFur wanted to protest and get her out of it, but she shook her head and the grey Tom backed down. The clans parted ways and ThunderClan returned to camp.

FireStar was quick to jump onto the high rock and announce what happened, "ShadowClan believes that StarClan no longer hold the answers, and they won't be attending anymore gatherings."

"I wonder what will happen now that BlackStar has turned his back

in StarClan," DustPelt growled.

ThornClaw twitched his ears, "who knows...maybe the sun disappearing was part of this?" W/n didn't want to listen to everyone speak about the sun and ShadowClan.

She walked to the warriors den and slumped into her nest with a heavy sigh, soon enough everyone else had fallen asleep, all except AshFur.

"W/n...I was wondering if you wanted to have a walk with me?" AshFur asked softly, the p/c she-cat nodded and they left camp and walked to the abandoned two leg place.

A/n: if you've read my other books then you know

Chapter 20

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W/n padded along the soft grass, AshFur was touching his pelt with her's, making the she-cat tense and flustered.

SpiderLeg and SandStorm had come with them to say goodbye, everyone had said farewell to the p/c she-cat for her to join ShadowClan.

"Will you be alright?" AshFur said worriedly, W/n nodded. "I'll be fine, don't worry."

"Just be careful, ok?" SpiderLeg whispered as he nuzzled the she-cat right of front of AshFur, who was clearly angry about it.

A rustle was then heard from the bushes and IvyTail appeared, "I've come for W/n." The ThunderClan nodded and said one last goodbye to AshFur before disappearing.

"How is it in ShadowClan now?" W/n questioned as she and IvyTail walked through the pine forest. The tortoiseshell she-cat looked reluctant to say.

"Well..." she mumbled, "ever since Sol convinced BlackStar to stop believing in StarClan, we have stopped following the warrior code."

The she-cat looked at IvyTail bewildered, how can they stop following the code that keeps them together?

(And has been broken many times...)

"Is there anyone who still believes in StarClan?" W/n asked as she avoided a root sticking out of the ground. "Only LittleCloud and TawnyPelt," IvyTail mewed.

Well W/n knew exactly who she was going to stick with during her time here.

As soon as they arrived to ShadowClan, BlackStar's eyes shone at the sight of his daughter. "W/n! So glad you joined us."

"If you think I'm staying then you can think again..." She responded with a lash of her tail. Sol gave her a smirk. "Oh hush, you don't make the decisions, me and BlackFoot do."

BlackFoot? He's changed his name? W/n glared at the tortoiseshell Tom who then turned towards BlackFoot, "actually I wanna add to the No feeding queens and elders..."

"What?" W/n snarled, "your allowing this piece of fox dung to make the rules?!" Sol rolled his eyes and continued, "how about W/n not being allowed to eat either..."

RowanClaw hissed, "you can't say that, that's the daughter of BlackFoot!" Everyone else yowled in agreement and BlackFoot narrowed his eyes at the loner.

"She will not be added to that," BlackFoot stated and quickly left to the leader's den.

A few days had passed and AshFur was pacing back and forth, he hated having W/n away from him for so long, and after what they did before she left...

His teeth bared in anger when he remembered SpiderLeg nuzzling the she-cat, his she-cat! HollyLeaf gave him a questionable look, "what wrong with you?"

"Nothing..." The grey Tom stared as he stopped in his tracks, he then heard his name being called from the entrance, "AshFur your on the boarder patrol with us!" CloudTail meowed.

He nodded and then turned to the black she-cat, "you can join if you want..." HollyLeaf agreed and the patrol set off, however AshFur didn't take his eyes off HollyLeaf.

Soon he will get his revenge on SquirrelFlight for leaving him, but why should he think about that when he has a mate?

"I smell ShadowClan..." CloudTail stops the patrol and AshFur's eyes

glistened with hope to see W/n return.

However it was only TawnyPelt and her three kits. "What are you doing in our territory? You don't have the right to be here!" He spat in anger.

"I want to stay in ThunderClan, I don't want to be in a clan that don't follow their ancestors," she stated as her kits played behind her.

AshFur growled, "and what makes you think that you have a place here?" TawnyPelt hissed at the grey cat.

"Are you also saying that W/n doesn't have a place here?!" AshFur was about to defend himself but CloudTail shuts him up.

"We will take to back to camp," the white Tom sighed, HollyLeaf nodded in agreement and AshFur clawed at the dirt below him.

Did he see W/n as a warrior of ThunderClan despite her blood? Of course he did...

But she was no more than an object to him.

W/n laid beside LittleCloud, she had helped TawnyPelt out of camp and was hoping that ThunderClan had taken them in.

"Where's TawnyPelt?" RowanClaw questioned as he looked around for his mate, BlackFoot growled. "She's probably gone back to ThunderClan."

The dark ginger tabby huffed before going to the warriors den, the p/c she-cat had already gotten thin as no prey had been collected at all.

Sol has also not allowed ShadowClan to go and check the borders anymore. W/n was staring off into the pine forest with a heavy look, she wanted to go back...

"Hey W/n," LittleCloud muttered, "have you realised that your belt has swollen a little?"

The p/c she-cat turned her head quickly with an offended look, "I haven't eaten at all! What are you trying to say?"

LittleCloud shook his head vigorously, "no, no! I wasn't trying to say anything like that...but could I check your stomach?"

"Alright?" The she-cat muttered as she shifted herself into a different position for LittleCloud to check her, "you want to do it out here?"

She just shrugged, "I don't care, just please get on with it..." the tabby nodded and placed his paw on the she-cat's stomach.

BlackFoot and Sol were watching as LittleCloud's eyes widened with excitement in his eyes, "W/n this is some excellent news!"

"What? What is it?" She questioned with her ears flattened. The brown tabby smiled at her, "your having kits!"

BlackFoot was quick to approach and muzzle his daughter lovingly, "oh this is wonderful news! AppleFur and ToadFoot then walked up to the she-cat.

"This is great! We are gonna be an aunt and uncle!" ToadFoot yowled happily. AppleFur nodded with a smile, "so who's the father?"

W/n looked down, "it's AshFur, it...has to be." BlackFoot hummed in response. "If he gives you any trouble then remember your birth clan is here."

Sol looked at the p/c she-cat with a narrowed gaze, then TigerPaw had returned back to camp. "BlackFoot! LittleCloud! You need to see something."

The leader growled in annoyance and left camp with the apprentice, W/n didn't know how to feel, "should I leave it as a secret and surprise him?"

"Do what you think is right!" LittleCloud chirped happily, "I wonder how many you'll have?"

AppleFur then mewed happily, "I hope it's a lot!" W/n snorted, "great StarClan, you want to be an aunt to all don't you?"

BlackFoot soon returned and was now glaring at Sol, "get out of our territory...now."

"What are you saying, BlackFoot?" Sol questioned with a small tilt of his head. BlackFoot shook his head slowly, "I am BlackStar of ShadowClan, and your time in my clan is over, now get out before we rip you to pieces!"

The tortoiseshell Tom hissed, however he was clearly going to be killed as many ShadowClan cats surrounded him. "Fine...but I'll be back!"

With a flick of his tail the loner ran out of the pine forest, "W/n, you can go back to ThunderClan, and tell TawnyPelt that ShadowClan's belief has been restored."

W/n ran through ThunderClan and reached the camp, and everyone happily welcomed her back.

"TawnyPelt, it's safe to return to ShadowClan, their Faith has been restored!" She mewed happily.

"But where are my kits?" The calico mewed, The the tree returned back to camp, HollyLeaf and LionBlaze with prey. "They're back at ShadowClan."

TawnyPelt nodded and left to join ShadowClan once more, W/n let out a heavy sigh. SquirrelFlight then approached her, "say, have you gotten bigger?"

"Oh not you as well..." the p/c she-cat laughed, "yes I'm having kits..." the ginger she-cat squealed happily, JayPaw heard the news and for once he was showing emotions other than angst.

"Who's the father?" BrambleClaw joined in, looking towards a certain black Tom, "is it SpiderLeg?"

W/n swallowed hard, "umm no, it's AshFur," she whispered quietly so the grey Tom didn't hear.

SquirrelFlight and BrambleClaw looked at each other with uncertainty, "have you really considered having AshFur as a father?"

"Yeah, W/n I believe you could be setting on dangerous territory with him," SquirrelFlight added.

What were they talking about? W/n didn't respond as the two left her alone, now she didn't feel too good.

Maybe she should tell him now? However when she tried to approach him, the gray Tom only glared at her, "I wanted to tell you something-"

"Save it!" He spat viciously at her as he walked away, W/n flattened her ears sadly, did he not want this family...?

But she will have her thoughts soon be answered...

Chapter 21

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W/n had tried many times to get through to AshFur, but he didn't even look at her. The she-cat didn't know what she did but all she could do was think.

As she was laying in her nest, SpiderLeg had come to check on her, "how are you feeling?" He whispered.

"I'm alright, but I heard you caught GreenCough," she replied, flinching away as the black Tom erupted into a fit of coughs.

"Yeah, I just came here to get away from Daisy and LeafPool, both of them are angry at me because of my kits." He huffed quietly, "and LeafPool told me that Kits are a special gift, but what does she know?"

W/n didn't say anything, looking outside of the warriors den to see a distressed LionBlaze, "FireStar has lost a life!"

SandStorm wanted to see her mate, but of course she couldn't in case she gets sick, SpiderLeg coughed again, "I'll leave you alone, I don't want you catching the sickness..."

The queen nodded as the black Tom walked away, W/n then suddenly felt cold, she missed AshFur's warmth and wanted him back...

Soon enough the sickness had passed and everyone came out alive, well FireStar lost a life but he was the leader.

W/n was currently speaking to HollyLeaf as rain trickled from the sky, "I don't know if AshFur likes me anymore..."

HollyLeaf looked at her with a confused look, "why do you say that?" W/n looked around, only to now realise that the Tom was nowhere to be seen.

"Well, he hasn't spoken to me ever since I came back from ShadowClan...did I do something wrong?" The queen mumbled to the black cat.

Before HollyLeaf could respond, the rain came down heavily, and lightning strikes nearby, causing her to be frozen in fear.

W/n was about to reassure the warrior, that it was nothing to worry about, but as soon as cats started to dash out.

Then ThornClaw yowled, "fire!" The orange glow of flames approach the camp and FireStar rushes into camp. "Everyone evacuate to the twoleg shelter!" He called, everyone ran out and W/n helped the kits and elders escape.

But as she was about to escape, lightning strikes the entrance. W/n was now trapped with the three...

"What do we do?" LionBlaze questioned. Then SquirrelFlight called from above, "up here!" W/n helped JayFeather up the walls of the hollow.

"The cliff is crumbling..." W/n mewed shaking, SquirrelFlight and the queen walk away from the three, only for another bolt of lightning to strike the bushes, blocking off the three.

"SquirrelFlight, Help!" HollyLeaf screeched, W/n tries to help the she-cat move a branch so the three cats could finally be safe, however it was too heavy.

W/n then was a silhouette in the smoke, and her eyes widened with a wave of relief washing over her.

It was AshFur!

"Please help us!" W/n cried, the grey Tom moved the branch for the three to safely exit however he stood on the branch, a red glint in his eyes.

"AshFur, Move." SquirrelFlight told the warrior in front of them, he looked back at the three kits. "BrambleClaw isn't here to save them now..."

"What had our father done to you?" LionBlaze growled as his former mentor. AshFur only cackled, "my quarrel has never been with BrambleClaw, it has always been with SquirrelFlight!"

"What are you talking about?" The ginger she-cat said sternly. "I resent you for picking BrambleClaw over me..." he meowed, W/n was horrified with what she heard, heartbroken she started to tear up.

AshFur snapped his head towards her, and YOU! you W/n, the minute you go to ShadowClan you are baring kits, you broke my heart and now both of you will pay!"

"W-what?" W/n muttered, the grey cat pointed towards the warriors and medicine cat behind him, "I'll kill your kits and W/n, that will make you suffer enough!"

SquirrelFlight stared into his Blue eyes with a cold expression, "go ahead, kill them. It won't hurt me, they're not my kits..."

As everyone but W/n was shocked to hear the news, AshFur glared at W/n, "I can't believe you thought of something like that, they're your kits AshFur! Can't you remember?!"

"T-they're really my kits?" AshFur said surprised, W/n nodded slowly, he then suddenly tried to get close to the she-cat, "this is great! We can be a happy family, and I'll never let you out of my sight~"

W/n then unsheathed her claws and raked his muzzle, he stared at her stunned. "No...we are no longer mates, after you threatened me and my kits lives?!"

AshFur ruffled his fur in anger, "fine, I'll just reveal SquirrelFlight's secret at the next gathering. Oh and W/n, I suggest to constantly look behind your back from now on..."

The grey flecked tom then disappeared through the smoke and everyone escaped the fire, however W/n couldn't help but feel scared over what AshFur said.

After the fire was sizzled out by the heavy rain, everyone had

gotten to work in rebuilding the camp. However W/n was staring off into space inside of the nursery, her head was cloudy and she couldn't think strait.

It was all because of AshFur, W/n hadn't even looked at the grey flecked tom ever since what happened, and he was going to reveal the secret at tonight gathering.

The p/c she-cat lifted herself up and headed towards the entrance of camp, "I'm going to clear my head," was all she mumbled to ThornClaw as she left.

Sitting next to the lake, W/n looked up at the sky, turning into a swirl of red and blue as the stars appeared.

"Maybe I should see how CrowFeather is doing?" She whispered to herself, it had been a long time since she saw him.

However as she stood up she felt herself being knocked down by someone, her head was almost submerged into the water.

She looked up at her attacker, eyes blazing, "what are you doing, AshFur?!" W/n yowled, trying to scramble out.

"If I can't have you...then no one can," the grey Tom spat at her, how submerging her head into the water, his claws also sinking into her shoulders.

W/n tries desperately to save herself and the kits she was holding but it was no use, he was stronger in his blazing anger, when all hope seemed lost a shadow leaped onto him and threw him off.

The queen scrambled out of the lake, blood dripping from her shoulders, her eyes then gazed in horror at the sight.

HollyLeaf was panting, blood covered her muzzle as AshFur now laid still in the water, His blood mixing in with the clear water.

"Y-you saved me?" W/n breathed out, The black she-cat nodded, rubbing herself against the queen. "I couldn't let him kill you, nor reveal the secret..."

W/n stared at AshFur's body, she suddenly felt free, free from that awful cat's grip. HollyLeaf then nudged the Queen towards Camp. "Let's go, also...please don't tell anyone."

The p/c she-cat nodded as they walked away, from the scene. However they didn't know they were being watched from the afterlife...

After AshFur's death things took a turn for the worst, The secret was reveal, LeafPool resigned from being a medicine cat, BrambleClaw broke things off with SquirrelFlight and HollyLeaf had disappeared.

The only semi good thing that had happened was the birth of W/n's kits, it was hard on JayFeather because he had to do it alone, but everything went well and now W/n had two sons.

"Have you given them names?" SpiderLeg whispered to the p/c she-cat as he laid beside her. She looked at the kits, "the white kit will be SwiftKit, and the grey kit will be AshKit..."

"It's a shame that AshFur was killed, I'm sure he's looking over you in StarClan," Daisy murmured.

W/n only responded with a nod, she hoped that he was in the place of no stars! The SpiderLeg came up with an idea. "How about i be their father figure?"

"That's a great idea!" Daisy was fully I support of it and so W/n agreed. "Then may I ask you something?" The black Tom asked.

The p/c she-cat nodded and the black Tom looked at her with hopeful amber eyes, "I've been wanting to ask you for a long time, will you be my mate?"

"Oh of course I will!" W/n smiled happily as she nuzzled SpiderLeg, Daisy cheered for the two happily and the queen suddenly felt new strength.

She didn't have AshFur here to terrorise her anymore, and all she wanted was SpiderLeg's love to keep her going. Even if the kits are

AshFur's, they will not be neglected...nothing could go wrong now that AshFur was dead...

Ok so a little note , this book will be going on hiatus for the sole reason that I haven't read the broken code yet, or a vision of shadows, so I'll be making other books whilst catching up with the actual books in the background .

Also sorry to the ppl who hates Y/n for being a little bit stupid in these stories, but I hope you all enjoyed and I'll see you later with the start of DarkStripe x reader ^^

Chapter 22

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"WhitePaw and MudPaw, from this day forward you'll be known as WhiteFoot and MudSpeckle!" BrambleStar yowled from the high ledge.

The ThunderClan warriors cheered their names, W/n yowled the loudest. Her life in ThunderClan had somewhat turned around, now she was Mates with SpiderLeg, their kits now becoming Warriors.

AshHeart and SwiftStorm padded to their half-siblings, congratulating them. When they became warriors moons ago, W/n told them about their father, luckily they saw SpiderLeg as their true figure and forgot about AshFur.

Luckily Tonight was also the gathering, and W/n couldn't wait to see the other ShadowClan cats. She hadn't spoken to them recently after what happened with DarkTail and the death of her father. Hopefully he was watching over her.

"I can't wait to go to the gathering as a full warrior!" MudSpeckle mewed happily as she jumped up and down.

WhiteFoot rolled his eyes, "I just want to see those ShadowClan cats mother keeps talking about."

W/n chuckled with a shake of her head, SpiderLeg sat with her and purred. "They'll be fine warriors of ThunderClan."

"I know they will, just like AshHeart and SwiftStorm," W/n nodded, nuzzling into her mate's fur.

BrambleStar hopped down from the high ledge and cleared his throat, "we should get going," he meowed.

His voice sounded raspy all of a sudden, the p/c she-cat flattened her ears with worry, hopefully nothing is wrong...

With this bad leaf-bare it could happen, there has been cases of green cough over the cold moons.

The dark tabby flicked his tail for his warriors to follow, SpiderLeg and W/n walked behind ThornClaw and StemLeaf.

BristlePaw was behind them, seemingly trying to push passed. SpiderLeg looked at the apprentice with a glare, "if you want to get through, then ask!"

"S-sorry!" The grey she-cat apologised quickly as the black Tom let her through, she seemed really eager to see someone.

"I bet you it's that SkyClan cat she wants to see," W/n meowed, "what was his name?"

"RootPaw, the one that fell into the lake?" SpiderLeg meowed, W/n nodded. "Yeah that one!"

SpiderLeg growled under his breath, "believe me we don't need any more of this half-clan stuff...no offence by the way."

"None taken," W/n purred with a smile, walking more closer to her mate so that their pelts were touching.

They arrived at the gathering and W/n noticed WhiteFoot already making his way to a group of ShadowClan cats, she quickly followed him, hoping to speak to them.

"Hello, W/n," TawnyPelt nodded with a greeting. W/n returned it, "hello, it's good to see ShadowClan healthy again."

TigerStar sat upon the leader's branch his amber eyes staring down at her. "They made a good choice."

"Yes, of course they did," the calico she-cat mewed. "But haven't you heard what's going on?"

Before W/n could respond DoveWing hopped into the conversation, "we can't communicate with StarClan..."

"Yeah, so I've heard..." W/n mumbled, The grey she-cat then looked

towards her son, ShadowPaw. "But he is getting visions!"

TawnyPelt nodded as she stared at the black tabby, the medicine cat looked really worried and scared to be there.

"The gathering will now begin!" BrambleStar yowled. SquirrelFlight took her place under the leader tree with the other deputies.

W/n joined back up with her Mate and ThunderClan warriors. TigerStar was the first to speak, "ShadowClan remains strong, but I must admit we'll all be glad once this Leaf bare is over."

"RiverClan Wishes the same," MistyStar nodded with a small sigh, "the lake and streams are completely frozen."

HareStar then cleared his throat, "we are having problems too, with no shelter all the prey has fled."

W/n rolled her eyes as another argument about the boarders came up. "No one knows what to do, this is the worst Leaf-Bare any cat can remember..."

"And the longest the medicine cats have gone without reviving messages from StarClan," JayFeather announced, his tone was ominous.

MistyStar looked at him with a confusion, "surely that's just because of the moonpool being frozen from the harsh cold?"

"We will just have to wait patiently to see if the moonpool with thaw," BrambleStar nodded.

HareStar then stood up from his spot, "now for some good news, WindClan has two new apprentices, WoodPaw and ApplePaw."

Choruses of cheers erupted from the cats in the clearing as the she-cats ducked their heads in embarrassment.

W/n started to remember her apprentice days, that was so long ago now, back when FireStar was ThunderClan's great leader.

"RiverClan also has good news, CurlFeather has given birth to three

healthy kits," MistyStar announced.

Again, cheers of congratulations came from the gathering cats, however the RiverClan cats and their leader looked worried.

"SkyClan is doing well, we have our camp sheltered in the valley so it isn't as hard for us..." LeafStar began.

TigerStar let out a scoff, however before they could argue again JayFeather's eyes glared at the leaders.

"None of this really matters, we are we not discussing our lost connection with StarClan?" The silver tabby spat.

Murmurs of worry started to spread through the clearing. Then more fighting broke out, W/n was conflicted on what to think of this, whilst SpiderLeg was on the side of the moonpool was going to thaw eventually.

"Enough!" TigerStar yowled as he stood tall on the great oak, his eyes scanning across the clearing as everyone fell silent.

"What JayFeather says is not quiet right," the brown tabby meowed, "there is one cat who can still communicate with our ancestors."

PuddleShine nudged his apprentice, the black tabby stepped up, his red eyes looked fearful and worried as the warriors stared at him.

"ShadowPaw has received a message from StarClan."

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"What a load of Fox-Dung!" ThornClaw grumbled as the ThunderClan cats returned to camp. "Struck by lightning? And hedgehogs fly!" SpiderLeg rolled his eyes.

MudSpeckle looked at ShellFur with an uneasy glance, "is there really a darkness looming over the clans?"

WhiteFoot stayed beside his mother, W/n looked at him with worry. "What ShadowPaw said, could it really be true?" He asked.

The p/c she-cat could only shrug as she stared up at the sky, "no one knows for sure, but StarClan will come back..."

W/n felt her blood run cold as the stars felt like they were fading, quickly shaking her head she padded to the warriors den and laid down.

SpiderLeg curled up beside her and grumbled, "I don't think what ShadowPaw is saying is believable, he's only an apprentice!"

"We just have to wait and see," W/n mumbled as she closed her eyes and quickly fell asleep.

"From this day forward you'll be known as BristleFrost!" BrambleStar announced the new warrior.

Wow so many new warriors made. WhiteFoot and MudSpeckle were quick to congratulate the grey she-cat.

AshHeart looked towards his mother with a smile, "do you want to know something?" He purred.

"What?" She asked as she edged closer to her son, the grey flecked tom stared at BristleFrost and WhiteFoot, "he likes her, a lot."

W/n raised a brow and looked at the black Tom, he seemed overly happy, and the look in his eyes. It was clear as day...

"Wow, I wouldn't of believed it, but now i see it!" The p/c she-cat purred happily.

A few days passed and W/n was quietly padding along the boarder of WindClan with the rest of the patrol following her.

TwigBranch sniffed around, there was a glint in her green eyes. It was clear she was trying to find the smallest scent of prey.

"There's nothing!" She huffed loudly in defeat, MudSpeckle quickly shut her up. "You'll scare all the prey away!"

"So will you!" FernSong said back, W/n rolled her eyes and turned to the patrol, "you are all being too loud," she stated. "Now be quiet,

all of you."

They quickly shut up and started their search once again, and no surprise only two mice were found, one by MudSpeckle and the other by FernSong.

"It'll have to do," W/n mumbled as she flicked her tail to the hunting patrol and padded back to camp however she halted when she heard BrambleStar yelling at something.

"I know prey is scarce, but you shouldn't bother coming back unless you have something!" The brown tabby growled.

His was even more raspy, and his behaviour was strange. SquirrelFlight flattened her ears and put her tail onto her mate's shoulders.

She looked at him with worry in her green gaze, "aren't you being a little too harsh on them? The conditions are terrible and everyone is trying their best."

"You would make excuses for them," he snapped at her as his head whipped towards her, eyes showing a hostile light, "you've always had a soft spot for weaker cats!"

The ginger she-cat backed away slightly, staring at him in disbelief. W/n held her breath, wondering what else the leader would say.

BrambleStar then seemed to realise what he had said, his amber eyes looked at his paws like a kit being scolded.

"I'm sorry if I'm being too stern, the responsibilities as leader are weighing me down on these hard times," he meowed.

SquirrelFlight comforted her mate as the hunting patrol split up, putting the scrawny mice into the pile.

BrambleStar then left camp with his mate, DewNose and HollyTuft.

W/n decided to see the Queens and how they were getting on. "Hello SparkPelt, SorrelStripe."

The two she-cats mewed greeting to the older warrior as she laid down in the nursery, "how is it out there?" SorrelStripe asked.

"Very difficult to find anything in the freezing cold, I hope this Leaf-Bare will go away," W/n mewed with a sigh.

"Yeah I'm sure it will," SparkPelt nodded, "maybe then the MoonPool with Thaw and StarClan can finally return!"

The p/c she-cat felt as if the ginger tabby was being overly confident in the return of their ancestors, but maybe that was the best option.

"Have you seen how weird BrambleStar has been-" before W/n could finish her sentence yowls of terror came from the clearing.

Poking her head out, she saw SquirrelFlight, BristleFrost, DewNose and HollyTuft making a team effort in dragging BrambleStar. His body was limp and his eyes were closed.

W/n quickly said her goodbyes to the Queens before entering the medicine den, "w-what happened to him?"

"We don't know! He just collapsed on the hunting patrol," SquirrelFlight mewed quickly, her voice was laced in fear and her eyes were cloudy.

"Come on, we need to leave them in peace..." W/n whispered as she guided the deputy out of the den, JayFeather gave her an approving nod and began examining the leader.

More days passed, SquirrelFlight was a mess, The medicine cats had tried everything and there was only one last option.

ShadowPaw had an unusual curing method and it was now ThunderClan's only hope. SquirrelFlight and W/n made their way over to the moor with BrambleStar's body.

JayFeather and AlderHeart were padding behind, and soon they met with TigerStar, ShadowPaw, DoveWing and PuddleShine were waiting.

No one said a word as SquirrelFlight dug out a den with the small black tabby Tom, when they were done, W/n dragged BrambleStar into the snow den and covered him before sitting beside JayFeather.

The warrior could sense the fear coming from the other cats around, BrambleStar only seemed to get worse.

"He's too cold!" AlderHeart mewed desperately, "isn't there anything we can do to warm him?"

ShadowPaw shook his head, "the cold is supposed to cure him, by letting the sickness work it's way out..."

It felt like moons they were all waiting, and eventually ShadowPaw pressed his muzzle against the brown tabby, he flinched back with wide eyes.

"Will he come back?" W/n asked, JayFeather snapped his head towards her. "We just have to be patient."

The p/c she-cat could see the fear in ShadowPaw's eyes, he killed BrambleStar. But maybe once he comes back then the sickness will be gone?

Once the sun rose above the hills, JayFeather walked up to BrambleStar's body, and sniffed. After a moment he turned around his milky eyes staring towards the cats.

"BrambleStar is dead," he announced, "for good, StarClan has forgotten us."

The ShadowClan cats quickly fled as they were fearful with What ThunderClan would do to them.

BrambleStar was then brought back to camp and sat vigil for. W/n thought about her own time with BrambleStar.

He used to have a crush on her, and that maybe still lingered. But his heart rested with SquirrelFlight, and W/n's heart rested with SpiderLeg.

The black Tom was sat beside her, curling his tail around her

protectively as she leaned into his soft fur.

"It is time," JayFeather nodded to the elders, they began to huddle towards the fallen leader, but stopped as a ripple went through the body.

"Did you see that?" SwiftStorm whispered towards BerryNose. Another Ripple went through, and it was stronger this time.

"This can't be..." AshHeart whispered, BrambleStar then opened his eyes and raised his head, staring at the cats around him.

He rose to his paws, some cats backed away with confused looks. The leader looked better, his fur was sleek and healthy.

BrambleStar looked at SquirrelFlight but then quickly darted his eyes at W/n, and all of a sudden, she felt uncomfortable.

She averted her eyes from the leader's amber eyes as he greeted the clan after coming back. Something about the way he looked at her was familiar, all to familiar...

Yep I'm finally gonna complete this book though the broken code arc, the chapters are going to have a lot of time skips tho cause I'm very lazy and updated will probably be a bit slow :]

But I hope you'll enjoy its lovely return!

Chapter 23

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W/n let out a heavy sigh as she exited the Warriors den, her fur prickling at the cold. SpiderLeg left with her, letting out a huge yawn.

"Everyone doesn't seem so busy," the black Tom commented as most cats were looking around confused on what to do.

"SquirrelFlight hasn't come out to assign the patrols," SpotFur explained to them as she was helping out with bedding for the elders.

That was strange, W/n looked up to the leaders rock, is BrambleStar alright?

"You promised me you would teach me about ShadowClan moves today!" BayPaw meowed eagerly at MouseWhisker.

He let out a sigh, "we'll leave once I know SquirrelFlight hasn't got any other plans for us."

ThornClaw then returned with the dawn patrol, They all looked shocked at the sight of their clan mates still waiting.

"You haven't gone yet?" The golden tabby questioned, LionBlaze shrugged. "We are waiting for SquirrelFlight," he mumbled.

SpiderLeg grumbled under his breath before walking away and grabbing a small bite from the fresh kill pile.

W/n sat with MudSpeckle and HoneyFur. "I have no clue what's going on," The white and brown she-cat whispered to her mother.

"Me either, I hope BrambleStar is okay," W/n looked at the high ledge again with worry.

HoneyFur licked her fur, "he'll be fine, I'm sure of it. It's just

SquirrelFlight worrying too much."

As everyone waiting at the camp entrance was getting ready to go from frustration, SquirrelFlight appeared from the leader den.

Her eyes were narrowed into slits, she padded to W/n, "BrambleStar wants to see you."

"Why me? Have I done something wrong?" The p/c she-cat asked with fear in her eyes.

The deputy looked up at the high rock with suspicion, "he's been asking for you all morning."

"I don't like the sound of that," SpiderLeg snarled as he overheard the two cats speaking. BrambleStar then emerged from his den.

W/n felt her pelt prick with unease as the brown tabby looked around the camp with wonder, then his eyes landed on her.

"Maybe he still has some feelings for you all those moons ago," the ginger she-cat whispered to W/n.

W/n found that hard to believe, SquirrelFlight had kits with BrambleStar, and W/n had a family of her own. Surely he still didn't have a small crush?

"Ah W/n," BrambleStar meowed as he approached the two cats. WhiteFoot, AshHeart and SwiftStorm stared at them with curiosity.

"Hello BrambleStar," she greeted, The brown tabby flicked his tail towards his den, as she quickly padded up the high ledge.

She looked back and saw him speaking to both SpiderLeg and SquirrelFlight. The deputy had a heart broken look and SpiderLeg had a disgusted face.

BrambleStar then joined W/n's side and they both went into the leader's den together. "So why did you want me here?"

"After speaking to SquirrelFlight about it, I have decided that you will stay with me in the leader's den," BrambleStar explained with a

smile.

W/n frowned, looking towards the entrance of the leaders den, she was already uncomfortable and wanted to escape back to SpiderLeg.

"But she's your deputy, and mate might I add," the p/c she-cat mumbled as her paws shifted on the floor.

BrambleStar started to circle her, brushing his tail along her spine slowly, she shivered at the touch.

"Are you really going to disobey the words of your leader?" He growled ominously as he towered over the she-cat.

She stared at him with shock, unable to say anything back, W/n wanted to disobey him, it just didn't feel right at all...

"Well?" BrambleStar questioned. W/n sank herself into the ground and shook her head, "n-no BrambleStar."

"Good! go along now..." he dismissed her and she was quick to scramble down the high ledge.

JayFeather turned his head around, confused at the commotion, "is everything alright W/n?"

"BrambleStar...chose me...mate.." was all she said before leaving camp. AlderHeart stared after her with worry.

"I can't believe what's happened, he dropped SquirrelFlight like a piece of stale prey," the dark ginger Tom mumbled.

JayFeather scoffed as he went back into the Medicine den to sort out the marigold stock. SpiderLeg looked bewildered at the deputy, who's eyes were bright with fury.

W/n panted heavily as she slowed down her pace, her paws aching with dread. What was going on with the brown tabby?

"Are you alright?" She turned around at her mate who had followed her out into the forest.

"Yeah, I'm fine, you?" She asked with sympathy in her eyes. SpiderLeg bared his teeth. "I can't believe BrambleStar made up something like that, you're my mate!"

The p/c she-cat leaned onto the skinny black Tom and sighed, taking in his pine scent. "I'm sure he will start thinking correctly soon..."

"But...does that really mean you have to stay with him?" SpiderLeg asked with worry, W/n looked at the ground.

"Don't worry, it's only for a little bit, just know my heart will always belong to you, no matter what," W/n stated as she nuzzled into SpiderLeg's fur with a purr.

He smiled as he began to purr loudly, it was only going to be for a while right?

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The gathering had just begun, W/n sat close beside SpiderLeg and ThornClaw, she could feel BrambleStar looking at her from the tree.

His amber eyes were unreadable, but his gaze flickered from her and SpiderLeg. She grunted in response and moved slightly away from her mate.

"ShadowClan has a newly named medicine cat, ShadowSight," TigerStar announced first with a proud smile.

The ShadowClan cats all began chanting for the black tabby, W/n also chanted for him with a small smile.

"We have new warriors, FlipClaw and ThriftEar, it won't be long before they are leading their own patrols," BrambleStar stated as he looked on from the tree. "We believe in encouraging our warriors to take on new responsibilities."

BrambleStar shifted his eyes, as if he was looking at something and wanting it to keep quiet.

"Our two new 'paws will soon be warriors and ThunderClan will be

stronger than ever!" BrambleStar smiled with confidence, he sounds very strange...

"RiverClan is strong too," MistyStar stated, W/n's gaze then looked towards BrambleStar, he was staring at her.

She quickly looked away and her eyes met a SkyClan cat's who was looking around the clearing nervously.

"KestrelFlight joined the other medicine cats for the half moon meeting," HareStar's eyes glittered with worry as he looked at his medicine cat, "tell them what you saw."

"We expected to share news with StarClan after the moonpool had thawed, but we received nothing," the mottled Tom stated.

"We thought it was the ice that stopped you from seeing StarClan!" HootWhisker yowled, his clan mates looked nervous.

As the cats around the clearing began meowing about StarClan, BrambleStar raised his tail, "Perhaps StarClan is angry at us for not following the code."

DoveWing stood up against the ThunderClan leader, tail lashing, "that's nonsense! Something must be stopping them from contacting us!"

"You just don't want to believe StarClan is angry at us," BrambleStar growled as he glared at the grey she-cat, "because you are one of the code breakers!"

TigerStar swiftly rose to his paws and snarled, "don't you dare talk to her like that!"

Once CrowFeather spoke up about the whole thing BrambleStar got onto his back too, and W/n was becoming angry at the brown tabby.

Suddenly RootPaw ran away, fear in his gaze. W/n quickly stared at him in alarm, is there something the yellow Tom knows?

The gathering ended sourly once again and ThunderClan returned

to camp, W/n was about to go into the warriors den until she was called from the high ledge.

Of course, how could she forget? W/n looked at SpiderLeg with an apologetic gaze before climbing up the high ledge and met BrambleStar in his den.

"Come W/n," he spoke with a smile as he made room for her in his nest. The she-cat shook the uncomfortable feeling and crouched beside him.

She heard the leader purr in delight as he put a paw over her, his claws unsheathed and gripping into her soft fur.

Clearly he didn't want her leaving unexpectedly in the night, W/n struggled to fall asleep that night...

Once morning had come, W/n released herself from BrambleStar's grip that had loosened and padded out of his den, as soon as she saw SpiderLeg she ran towards him and nuzzled into his fur.

"Are you alright?" The black Tom questioned with worry in his amber eyes, W/n nodded with a frown.

"W/n, why is your fur matted?" AshHeart asked as he caught the smell of blood.

She looked at her flank to see that BrambleStar must of drawn blood in his sleep. "He hurt you?" SpiderLeg's voice quivered.

W/n nodded as she looked at the ground, SquirrelFlight then sniffed the wounds with a frown, "I don't know what's gotten into him, go and see JayFeather and AlderHeart..."

The warrior nodded and quickly padded to the medicine cat den, JayFeather quickly used a marigold poultice and rub it in to the deep holes.

"Where's SquirrelFlight?" BrambleStar's voice was heard from outside, W/n narrowed her eyes.

Eventually MudSpeckle entered the medicine den, "it's awful out

there."

"Why? What's happened?" AlderHeart questioned with a frown. "SquirrelFlight has been stripped of her deputy status, it's been given to BerryNose."

W/n exited the den, her tail lashing, "what do you think your doing?" She questioned BrambleStar who was sitting on the high ledge.

"What are you talking about?" He asked with a tilt of his head. She snarled at him, "how could you take SquirrelFlight's deputy status, she hadn't done anything wrong!"

BrambleStar only shrugged as he began grooming himself, clearly nothing was going to get through to the stubborn Tom.

"Actually where are my two sons, AshHeart and SwiftStorm?" He asked as he looked around camp for them.

SquirrelFlight looked heart broken as her green eyes stared at him in disbelief. W/n cleared her throat nervously, "Um, BrambleStar those aren't your kits, AlderHeart and SparkPelt are."

"Oh right, I knew that," he grumbled as he rolled his eyes, he then climbed down the high ledge and lazily laid underneath, flicking his tail at SquirrelFlight to lay with him.

W/n let out a sigh of relief as the brown tabby was clearly coming to his senses, but he would give SquirrelFlight her position back right?

She sat beside SpiderLeg as they groomed each other's pelt as their kits chatted together. Then BristleFrost's patrol returned, and AshHeart was seen carrying three plump voles whilst SwiftStorm was carrying a rabbit.

The harsh leaf bare had quickly pasted after BrambleStar lost his first life and the first days of green leaf had been plentiful.

"Did you see SwiftStorm's rabbit?" AshHeart padded up to his mother with wide amber eyes, "it was massive!"

The white Tom puffed out his chest proudly, his blue eyes shining. "Yeah, but BristleFrost was the one who found it first."

W/n looked over to BristleFrost who was standing beside RosePetal as they spoke to BrambleStar.

"That's a great idea," the leader blinked at the grey she-cat, "I'm glad your taking the warrior code so seriously."

As they were about to leave the leader in peace, BrambleStar then whispered something to BristleFrost before she left to eat.

BrambleStar kept flicking his gaze towards W/n. WhiteFoot pricked his ears at the two, he narrowed his eyes at them.

"What did he say to her?" SpiderLeg grumbled at his son, the black Tom leaned in towards his family, SwiftStorm and AshHeart blocked BrambleStar's view of them.

"BristleFrost has been made into his spy to make sure the clans follow the code at all times," WhiteFoot grumbled as his eyes flickered from each of them.

"That's mouse brained," MudSpeckle huffed as her tail flicked. W/n frowned slightly as she saw BristleFrost smiling to herself as she ate a shrew.

WhiteFoot then looked at his paws with worry, "there also something else that he said..."

SpiderLeg looked at his son with a frown, AshHeart looked at MudSpeckle with worry and SwiftStorm flattened his ears.

"What else did he say?" W/n whispered as she felt the gaze of BrambleStar on her. WhiteFoot looked conflicted to speak.

"I don't think you would like it..."

Chapter 24

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W/n pricked her ears making sure that no cat was around the area, padding through the damp ferns she looked back.

"Come, it's clear," she mewed, SpiderLeg sprinted after her, before sitting beside her with a huff. "I can't believe we have to be out of camp to act like mates..."

"BrambleStar clearly has bees in his brain!" The black Tom huffed as the two cats leaned in close to each other.

It had been a few days since WhiteFoot had overheard what BrambleStar has said to BristleFrost, she had been made a spy in order to keep her and SpiderLeg apart.

He didn't do anything anymore, only leaving his den in order to bring W/n in with him and tell her how much he admired her.

It made her feel very uncomfortable but what could she do? He was the leader, and he was clearly debating his relationship with SquirrelFlight.

The sun was now high in the sky, and Luckily BristleFrost was too busy back at camp to notice that the p/c she-cat and SpiderLeg were gone.

"We should head back before BrambleStar starts complaining like an elder," SpiderLeg mumbled with a frown.

W/n nodded as she left her mates side and went back to camp first, and she immediately heard arguing.

"What good is it to give the best prey to our weakest clan mates?" BrambleStar stood on the high ledge with a challenging look in his eyes as he stared at LionBlaze.

"But we've always shown respect to our elders for their hard work!"

The golden tabby objected.

BrambleStar growled, "I am your leader, I decide what the code is..." his gaze then shifted towards W/n as she stood by the entrance awkwardly.

"Ah W/n, just the cat I wanted to see," he said with a menacing smile, he padded towards her, dragging his tail over her body, "I have something important to say."

SpiderLeg then entered, his amber eyes narrowed at the leader before padding towards ThornClaw's side.

"I want you to take your place by my side and become my mate," he said out loud, W/N's eyes flashed with fear as every cat in camp gasped in shock.

"She already has a mate!" ThornClaw yowled with anger in his blue eyes.

LionBlaze snarled at the brown tabby, "SquirrelFlight is your mate, why are you chasing other she-cats?!"

SquirrelFlight looked heart broken as her eyes clouded, "ThornClaw's right, I have a mate...SpiderLeg." W/n looked at the black Tom who was snarling at BrambleStar, looking like he was ready to attack him.

"If you defy me, then I will harm your family, this is a command for you to follow," BrambleStar whispered to her, biting her neck.

W/n looked at SpiderLeg again, his claws were digging into the ground. MudSpeckle and WhiteFoot looked terrified and AshHeart and SwiftStorm looked at their leader with hatred.

"Okay...I'll be your mate," she stated, her gaze cold, BrambleStar stared at her proudly as if he had just won something and guided her to his den after grabbing a fat thrush off the fresh kill pile.

W/n looked back at her family and SquirrelFlight with uncertainty, would they even forgive her?

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A few days passed and W/n was sitting beside BlossomFall and ThornClaw, "I didn't have a choice."

"Most of the clan saw that, everyone is beginning to think differently around BrambleStar," BlossomFall mewed with concern.

Suddenly there was a argument against BrambleStar, and the cause of it? LionBlaze and SpotFur had apparently crossed the WindClan boarder...

"Every cat has at least broken the code at some point," SpotFur pointed out, "some worse than others."

BrambleStar snarled at the spotted she-cat, LionBlaze stood protectively near his daughter. "What's that supposed to mean?" The leader asked threateningly.

"Take W/n for example, she's a pure ShadowClan cat in ThunderClan and her kits her half-clan, plus hasn't she spoken close with ShadowClan?" SpotFur stated, "if you can overlook that, then surely you can overlook us crossing the boarder."

"Don't concern yourself with W/n," BrambleStar meowed coldly, "I decide who deserves punishment and she is a loyal warrior to me."

The camp went silent as every cats watched on with dark gazes, W/n felt like she was going to suffocate from dread.

Soon Enough BrambleStar spoke as he regained his composure, "for the next quarter moon, no cat is to talk to SpotFur."

No one dared to say a word as the leader moved his gaze towards LionBlaze, "you are banished from camp for a quarter moon."

"You can't do that," CinderHeart stepped forward, "he's a ThunderClan warrior, we protect each other!"

"He has broken the warrior code and spoken back at me many times, I will not let any cat undermine me."

W/n quickly padded to his side, "please don't do this, LionBlaze didn't mean any harm!"

BrambleStar quickly flashed a warning glare at the she-cat raising a paw as if he was about to strike her, "don't speak out for him, he deserves this."

LionBlaze looked at his camp mates angrily before leaving camp, W/n gazed at the leader in fear.

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Once again after the gathering things turned more bitter, SquirrelFlight had quickly spoken to RootPaw who had told the ThunderClan leader to shut up.

As every cat was beginning to travel back to their territories, StemLeaf quickly padded beside W/n, "what is it StemLeaf?" She sighed heavily.

"Me and SpotFur are holding a secret meeting, cats who are worried about the clans future will be there," the ginger Tom quickly spoke.

W/n raised a brow at the Tom, "you're telling me this because?"

"Well you clearly see something is wrong, right?" StemLeaf growled as he stared at BrambleStar who padded alone at the front. "Meet at the abandoned twoleg place three nights from now at moon high."

Before she could question any further BrambleStar called her, she grumbled under her breath before joining her leader's side.

As every cat settled into their nests, W/n left the leader's den once BrambleStar was fast asleep, she met SpiderLeg at the entrance and they quickly padded out.

"I'm not sure we should do this..." W/n lowered her head as they made their way to the lake.

SpiderLeg looked alarmed, "but why? Your not going to actually be his mate right?"

W/n stared at him with wide e/c eyes, "of course not! But he said he would put our family in danger!"

The black Tom curled his tail around her protectively, a pure rising in his throat as W/n nuzzled into his fur. "Nothing will happen to them, I promise."

But could he really keep that promise? W/n closed her eyes with a sigh, letting her mate's scent cover her thoughts, surely BrambleStar wouldn't be so harsh on her family.

However W/n couldn't shake off the thought that something was watching her.

"MudSpeckle!"

W/n was jolted away as she heard her daughter's name being called by BrambleStar. "You disappeared during your hunting patrol yesterday, where did you go?"

The p/c she-cat exited the leader's den with tired eyes to see MudSpeckle staring towards her leader with hostility. Then worry overcame her, what was going to happen?

"I was hunting," she stared cooly as her brown tail flicked slightly.

"Why didn't the rest of the patrol go with you?" BrambleStar questioned with narrowed eyes.

"I didn't ask, I though we could split from our patrols!" MudSpeckle argued back. W/n watched in fear as the two argued with each other.

"Why didn't you bring back any prey? Where did you go?!" BrambleStar demanded again, MudSpeckle glared at him before sighing.

"I went looking for LionBlaze," she admitted, her green eyes pierced angrily at the brown tabby. W/n flattened her ears, "She was only

concerned for her clan mate," W/n softly spoken to the brown tabby.

"Keep your whiskers out of this!" He snarled with anger in his eyes.

W/n gasped in shock, "she's my kit!" BrambleStar then glared at MudSpeckle, "find some catmint at the abandoned twoleg place."

MudSpeckle quickly left camp with a huff, and eventually LionBlaze did come back and soon the named 'code breakers' swore an oath.

W/n watches as TwigBranch, LionBlaze and JayFeather repeated after the clan leader. And he mentioned exile if they broke the code...

SpiderLeg looked at the camp entry worry, MudSpeckle hadn't come back yet...

A groan then sounded from the entrance, MudSpeckle collapsed as her fur was torn and blood matted her fur.

"Oh my god!" CinderHeart screamed at the sight as every cat gathered around the she-cat.

"AlderHeart! Fetch cobwebs!" JayFeather yelled at the dark ginger Tom. W/n rushed to her daughters side as she twitched vigorously.

W/n nuzzled her daughter with fear, "what happened?!" She mewed desperately.

"Dogs...attacked me by the twoleg place..." MudSpeckle whispered, she wasn't going to die was she?

BristleFrost quickly ran out of camp with a determined look on her face, W/n glanced at the high ledge to see BrambleStar washing his face without a care.

W/n rose to her paws and snarled, "what are you doing?! My daughter is on the verge of death!"

"And who's fault is that?" He questioned ominously as he stared at her with remorse, "you kept on sneaking out with SpiderLeg, and I

keep true to my words..."

He then padded away to his den without another word, W/n watches as every cat was in a panic and MudSpeckle was on her side barely breathing.

This was her fault...

The clan gathered around in sorrow, W/n felt all hope was lost in the forest as she stared at MudSpeckle's body.

The she-cat had died two days after the attack, her eyes were closed peacefully as if she was sleeping.

BrambleStar hadn't even bothered to come out, so SquirrelFlight was leading the vigil, "she was a fine and brave warrior," the she-cat sighed heavily, "however she had only received her name a few moons ago, if only StarClan didn't take her from us this early..."

Then a thought came to W/n, where was StarClan? Are they even watching over them anymore?

Suddenly W/n missed her Father, wanting to see his white pelt among the pine forest. "She was a wonderful sister," WhiteFoot stated, looking at his half brothers.

Would something happen to him? Or AshHeart and SwiftStorm. SpiderLeg nuzzled W/n as if he felt her uncertainty.

GreyStripe padded forwards with BrackenFur, they grabbed the young she-cat and carried her out of camp to bury her.

The clan all got back to their duties, however the air was so tense that no cat said a word. "W/n!"

She flinched as BrambleStar called her to his den, she swallowed the lump in her throat and met him at the entrance.

"What was all the mewing about?" He asked gruffly, W/n felt her fur bristle. "Oh yeah, your daughter."

The leader laughed mockingly, the p/c she-cat fattened her ears and

snarled, "Did you...set this up?"

"I told you I would make you suffer, and you have lost one kit, you don't want to loose WhiteFoot now do you?"

W/n let her fur lie flat as she stared at the brown tabby who grabbed her face with a paw as he sat down.

"Or SpiderLeg?" He snarled as his other paw grabbed her back, BrambleStar stared into the she-cat's e/c eyes.

W/n shook her head, her eyes were watering as she shook against the tabby's touch. He reluctantly released her as he waved her away and she quickly padded off.

She would be glad to get out of this camp tonight...

"Come on!" StemLeaf encouraged W/n to catch up with him and SpotFur. TwigBranch and FinLeap were in front.

The she-cat sighed as her pelt touched SpiderLeg's, who had also joined in on this meeting about the troubles.

"If BrambleStar wants to banish cats, I say we banish him!" StemLeaf growled. SneezeCloud, SlightFoot and BreezePelt and nodded in agreement.

"But we could start a war..." CloverFoot stated, StemLeaf shook his head, "not if enough cats agree that BrambleStar has to go."

Tree then stepped up, his yellow fur glowing in the moonlight, "I say we should leave, I think we should show BrambleStar what we think about his rules by leaving-"

"Leaving isn't an option," RootPaw meowed, "if we can't drive him out by force then we need another way to deal with him."

W/n shifted her paws on the floor, she wasn't even paying attention to what each cat was saying until tree spoke again.

"I saw his ghost," the yellow Tom meowed. W/n looked at him, her fur bristled as her blood ran cold.

"No, that can't be..." SpiderLeg breathed, Tree went on. "He's using BrambleStar's body to harm everyone else, the real BrambleStar is a ghost but can't reach StarClan."

FreckleWish narrowed her eyes at the mediator, "are you saying that the leader of ThunderClan is an imposter?"

"We should speak to ShadowSight," SpiderLeg growled, "he took BrambleStar to the moor when he was sick..."

CloverFoot stared in alarm, "are you saying he's helping the imposter?"

"He wouldn't do such a thing!" W/n meowed, "he's only young."

BreezePelt growled as he stared at the p/c she-cat, "you've always been soft on ShadowClan!"

Suddenly movement was heard in the bushes and grey fur could be seen. "Run its BrambleStar's spy! She'll report us!"

Everyone scrambled for for the bushes as BristleFrost stared at them with wide eyes. "I won't report you!"

Everyone eyed her like a patrol watching prey, W/n flattened her ears as the she-cat finally spoke, "I want to join you."

"Join us?" StemLeaf questioned with a suspicious glare. Everyone stayed silent.

"I'm worried about BrambleStar, I heard what you said about him being an imposter." BristleFrost meowed.

"So you were spying on us?" SpotFur's hackles lifted as she glared at the warrior.

"We're going to questions ShadowSight about his visions," RootSpring meowed to BristleFrost.

The grey she-cat shook her head, "we need support of more powerful cats, and one's in ThunderClan."

Every cat stared at her with confusion, W/n rose to her paws and cleared her throat, "SquirrelFlight, she's been betrayed by BrambleStar and will clearly see this isn't her mate."

"I also discovered that MudSpeckle's death was planned," BristleFrost mumbled, "BrambleStar had stored fresh kill pile at the twoleg place to lure the dogs there."

SpiderLeg rose to his paws and growled, "whoever it is inside of that body will Pay, he killed my daughter!"

The meeting disbanded and W/n slowly followed her clan-mates back however SpiderLeg cleared his throat.

"What is it?" She mewed, SpiderLeg waited for the other cats to leave. "I know this isn't the best time, but I was wondering if you would like to have more kits?"

It was a bad time, but maybe nothing wrong will go wrong? She just wanted something to be happy about after so much darkness.

W/n looked into his amber eyes, she loved caring for kits in the nursery, just like FernCloud...

She nodded and nuzzled her mate with a sigh, "I've never wanted them more...but what about BrambleStar?"

"Make him think that they're his, surely he's tried advancing you?" The black Tom questioned. W/n nodded as they sat underneath the moonlight.

Chapter 25

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Dawn light seeped through the trees, W/n yawned as she watched the clan work. BristleFrost had told SquirrelFlight about the imposter and she went to tell LeafStar about it first. After a few days she came back.

When BrambleStar awoke he didn't even ask about her whereabouts, the gathering had also happened, FreckleWish wasn't able to speak with ShadowSight, and yet again BrambleStar had gotten other cats to join his side in exiling code breakers.

"W/n, in my den. Now!" BrambleStar growled from the high ledge. W/n slowly rose to her paws and followed him in.

"What were you doing that night?" The brown tabby questioned her. She forced herself to keep calm, ignoring the anxiety in her belly.

"I needed some fresh air, so I went for a walk out of camp," she meowed calmly.

"Tell me the truth!" BrambleStar yowled, her eyes narrowed at him. "I'm not lying."

The leader growled, "all you do is lie, and I trusted you!" W/n flinched as a different voice came out of BrambleStar's mouth.

"What are you talking about?!"

"Those kits!" He yelled as her with menacing amber eyes, "I know what you did, your having kits with SpiderLeg again!"

W/n snarled at him, "yes, because you aren't my mate, you never were!" She ended up spitting out the truth in pure rage.

Without warning, BrambleStar grabbed her scruff and dragged her out of his den, she yowled in alarm as he threw her like a piece of prey.

She hit the ground with a loud thud and everyone stared at her in shock, "we have code breaker among us! My own mate!"

"I was never you're mate!" She yelled as him, every bone in her body ached as she stood up. "You have no right to be here for mating with another Tom!"

"You threw a pregnant queen?!" SquirrelFlight yowled, every cat began yelling at the leader.

BrambleStar stared at the ginger she-cat, "and you're exiled for conspiring against us, BumbleStripe told me you went to SkyClan!"

Cats yelled even more and it was hard to tell who was yelling at what, W/n backed away from the high rock, "let's go..."

SquirrelFlight walked away with W/n, SpiderLeg and WhiteFoot joined them, and soon enough, SwiftStorm and AshHeart too.

"My mate would never behave like this," SquirrelFlight glanced back at her former clan mates, "this cat, is an imposter!"

The group then left in silence. "Where are we supposed to go?" AshHeart mewed sombrely.

"I already have the perfect place," W/n stated as she quickly padded to the pine forest of ShadowClan.

Everyone followed her as she got to camp, TigerStar stared at her in disbelief, "W/n, SquirrelFlight? What are you all doing here."

"We've come for sanctuary," SquirrelFlight mumbled. The leader looked lost for words, "sanctuary? He echoed.

"He sent me and SquirrelFlight away, for being traitors." W/n stated. "but your FireStar's daughter, you've been loyal to ThunderClan for your whole life!" TigerStar sounded bewildered about the news that was given to him.

He then turned to W/n, "what did you do?" She looked at the ground in shame. "He's killed my daughter for being with someone other than him, and he threw me off the high ledge for carrying

SpiderLeg's kits..."

Yowls is outrage spread across ShadowClan, TigerStar fur bristled, "he has bee's in his brain! Treating a queen like that!"

"BlackStar had asked me after my ceremony to always keep you safe in desperate needs," the brown tabby meowed to W/n, "you are all welcome to stay here."

Everyday they began speaking about BrambleStar after SquirrelFlight said that he was an imposter.

Now ShadowSight had revealed everything about his visions, that it was all just an evil cat telling him how to kill BrambleStar.

"You should have known better. You're Supposed to be a medicine cat, we trusted you!" ScorchFur growled at the black tabby.

TigerStar sighed heavily, "what's done is done, we can't change it now, and turning on one another isn't the answer."

"How can we be sure this is all true?" FlowerStem eyed the ThunderClan cats skeptically. Some SkyClan cats where here for the discussion.

"I can show you BrambleStar's ghost if you like," Tree meowed. He and his son then closed his eyes and concentrated.

A watery outline and a tabby pelt appeared, "don't listen to the imposter! Don't blame ShadowSight, he was tricked, whatever took my body is willing to do anything to get what he wants."

The ghost then flickered away as Tree collapsed and RootPaw wobbled like a kit. "Was that really BrambleStar?" AshHeart gasped.

TigerStar's tail flicked ominously, "who is this imposter?" Tree struggled to his paws, "we don't know."

"You need to help ThunderClan," W/n said to the ShadowClan leader, "remember when we helped you with DarkTail?"

"Yes, we need to help them, he threatened to replace you

remember?" TawnyPelt looked at her son.

He nodded, "you're right." He looked around at his clan and the refugee's, "ThunderClan needs its rightful leader back for all our sakes!"

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"Are you doing okay, W/n?" TigerStar questioned once again as he passed the p/c she-cat.

She nodded with a heavy sigh, "yes, I'm just missing home..." so much had happened, AlderHeart, JayFeather, LionBlaze, TwigBranch and FinLeap were now all banished from ThunderClan.

And not to mention ShadowSight was found gravely wounded, but luckily RootPaw, now RootSpring, had found him and brought him to SkyClan.

The leader then padded away with his mate, possibly to go back and see if his son was doing better.

SpiderLeg sat beside his mate with a heavy sigh, "I hope this thing will be over soon, but TigerStar told everyone that BrambleStar's body had to be kept alive..."

W/n nodded, "if only we could just kill him and the real BrambleStar would be back..." suddenly felt a chill go up her spine when she looked around camp.

Many cats were missing, ConeFoot, KiteScratch, DappleTuft, StemLeaf, SpotFur...and WhiteFoot.

"Where's WhiteFoot?!" W/n yowled in alarm, her mate flinched and his eyes gazed around camp.

Suddenly CloverFoot jumped from the bushes with CrowFeather and SquirrelFlight. "Some of the rebels attacked BrambleStar..."

"Are they alright? Please tell me!" W/n pleaded towards the ShadowClan deputy. She shook her head.

"Only SpotFur is alive," SquirrelFlight whispered, W/n bared her teeth as CrowFeather dragged ConeFoot and WhiteFoot into camp.

"No, no, no!" W/n yowled as she cried into her son's fur, now the great darkness had taken two of her kits away, and yet how long would it be before AshHeart and SwiftStorm were taken away?

SpiderLeg stared at TigerStar as the brown tabby stared solemnly at the dead cats before him, "we have to act now!"

"I understand, and LeafStar has agreed in helping us against ThunderClan," TigerStar nodded to the black Tom.

W/n was just hoping that maybe BrambleStar would come back.

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"Do you have to go?" W/n frowned as she stared at her two kits and mate, they were going to partake in the battle against not only ThunderClan, but RiverClan and WindClan as well.

"This is the best thing to do," SpiderLeg meowed as he pressed his muzzle against his mate's cheek.

She felt water swell in her eyes, "but it's not, I can't bare the thought of loosing you three!" MudSpeckle and WhiteFoot weren't even senior warriors yet and this imposter had taken them away from her.

TigerStar flicked his tail at the three Tom's signalling for them to be ready for the attack. Some cat had told them about the ambush, and now SkyClan and the rebels will be hiding in the shadows.

SpiderLeg gave W/n a muzzle before padding away, AshHeart nodded to his mother, "we will make it, remember how FireStar called us the greatest fighters?"

"Yes, I remember that well..." W/n chuckled, her two son's joined their father and the camp felt almost empty, only a few warriors remained, at least SquirrelFlight was still here.

She then heard the yowls of cats fighting, W/n couldn't just sit by

and watch, "I need to see them!"

"W/n, no you're a queen, you'll threaten the lives of kits!" The ginger warrior meowed.

But it was too late, W/n raced to the battlefield, only for the yowls to die down, "I saw faded outlines, and heard distorted voices..." HareStar breathed.

He must of lost a life...

Everyone turned to BrambleStar, "you said that you're ancestors welcomed you!" CrowFeather spat.

TigerStar then growled at the ThunderClan leader, and soon warriors joined ShadowClan's side.

BrambleStar then leaped at TigerStar and the two fought, most cats were cheering TigerStar on and the rest were silent.

But he has to live...

W/n swallowed the lump in her throat and pushed through the crowds of cats, "stop!"

BrambleStar flinched and looked up, he had the ShadowClan warrior pinned down, "W/n?" He seemed starstruck and TigerStar took that advantage.

The ShadowClan leader bit down on BrambleStar's legs and twisted, he yowled and TigerStar pinned the imposter down before knocking him unconscious.

"We should keep him prisoner..." W/n stated as she stared at the lump of fur, TigerStar nodded. "He will be kept in ShadowClan..."

AshHeart and SwiftStorm were luckily still alive and dragged the imposter away with the help of MothWing and SquirrelFlight.

"SpiderLeg?" W/n looked around as she called for her mate, the black Tom limped over to her with a smile.

"I told you we would be fine," he meowed with a small purr. W/n smiled as she nuzzled her head into SpiderLeg's chest.

However she couldn't shake away the thought that maybe she knew who the imposter was...

Chapter 26

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"You know who he is?" TigerStar questioned, W/n nodded. "But I have to act to be sure, I'm aware that the clans should know who this cat is."

Everyone stared at her with unease, they began chattering amongst themselves, "who?" SpiderLeg whispered.

"AshFur."

"I though he was a loyal ThunderClan warrior?" EmberFoot gasped.

"But you heard the rumours..." another cat meowed.

CrowFeather then looked at his two sons, "he tried to kill you both didn't he?" LionBlaze and JayFeather nodded.

"And he attacked W/n when she was baring AshHeart and SwiftStorm," SpiderLeg added.

"HollyLeaf saved me," W/n whispered as she remembered the black she-cat. She then stared at her two son's, no wonder why the imposter didn't stare at them with such hostility.

"But how can we know for sure?" TigerStar growled, as he stared at the den that the imposter was currently laying in.

"I'm gonna lure him into a trap, then we can know for sure," the she-cat nodded, "I'll lure him with words..."

"Be careful," SpiderLeg nodded to his mate, she nodded back before padding to the prisoners den.

He looked at her with wide eyes, "W/n..." the rest of the camp had ran off from a 'supposed attack' from the other clans. Of course they were only hiding away.

It was only AshFur and W/n.

"Why didn't you tell me before?" She questioned her eyes filled with joy.

"Tell you?" He meowed in shock, she nodded. "Thats why you came back, to be with me?"

BrambleStar looked at her with hope and suspicion. W/n carried on, "I've loved you all this time, I love you more than SpiderLeg!"

It hurt to spit the words out with a forced smile, but the imposter clearly took it, "you love me?"

"It is you right? Say your name so I know I'm not making a fool of myself!" W/n pleaded as her eyes shone with affection.

"Yes, it's me, AshFur," he smiled with joy, "I'm glad you finally saw me."

"Your so clever, coming back from StarClan and doing all of this!" W/n purred, AshFur leaned in close to her.

"I did it for you," he growled, his eyes glowing blue. W/n forced herself not to move away from how close their faces were.

"I can't believe it is really you..." the p/c she-cat sighed heavily, she then realised that she was carrying SpiderLeg's litter of kits.

She was putting herself in such danger, "then what shall we do?" AshFur whispered as his eyes looked at her, then at her belly.

"We should run away together, before the clan leaves!" W/n quickly mewed, she then felt a presence next to her, ShadowSight was staring at them with wide eyes.

Please trust me!

AshFur then smiled, "but we will have to get rid of those creatures..." W/n knew exactly what he was talking about, his eyes not looking away from her stomach.

Then the she-cat slammed a paw against the brown tabby fur, he was taken aback by it. "How dare you!"

TigerStar and SpiderLeg leaped at the imposter with screeches. The rest of ShadowClan appeared with a few cats of the other clans, mainly leaders.

"You betrayed me!" AshFur cried at W/n, who stared at him with a cold glare. SpiderLeg padded up to him mate and nuzzled her, AshHeart and SwiftStorm joined her too.

If only MudSpeckle and WhiteFoot were here...

AshFur snarled as he looked at the family, "I'll kill you all, each and every one of you!" W/n flattened her ears.

She didn't know how powerful the cat she used to love is, and couldn't know if what he was saying was true or just a bluff.

AshHeart looked at the ground in shame, the family walked away as AshFur was thrown into his prison.

"Why did you call me AshHeart?" The grey flecked tom spoke quietly once they were away from the imposter.

SpiderLeg stared at him with a soft gaze, "it was W/n's idea when she named you...she wanted to keep a part of AshFur alive in her life."

"That's true, we named you AshHeart for your father's good side, but I didn't know he would turn into this," the she-cat heavily sighed.

SwiftStorm gazed into at the prisoner's den and snarled, "well that cat isn't my father, not anymore." He then smiled at his brother, "come on, how about we go back to ThunderClan and do some hunting together?"

AshHeart nodded as SwiftStorm was already off and out, his brother followed more slowly. "They are all such fine warriors," SpiderLeg purred.

W/n smiled, "indeed, I just wished that MudSpeckle and WhiteFoot were still with us..." the black Tom licked her head reassuringly. "Don't worry, they'll be in StarClan now watching over us."

As they were ready to leave with ThunderClan, the imposter poked his head out and ran towards them.

SpiderLeg's amber eyes widened as he was pushed out of the way and AshFur pinned W/n by the tail.

She yowled in alarm and ShadowClan cats gathered around to take the imposter back to his den.

"Please don't leave me here!" AshFur pleaded, his blue eyes desperate. LionBlaze growled at the imposter and removed W/n from his grasp.

She panted heavily and tucked her tail between her legs, looking at her former mate frightened. "W/n isn't your mate anymore," SpiderLeg stated with a low growl, "she's moved on, they that through your head!"

AshFur snarled as he was taken back to the prison again, W/n padded away and returned to ThunderClan with SquirrelFlight by her side.

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That night W/n couldn't sleep, she was fidgeting in her nest as her eyes stayed open and looking around the den.

She heavily sighed and padded out of camp to get some fresh air, there was fighting in ThunderClan over SquirrelFlight's leadership and deciding what to do with the imposter.

And they did decide against SquirrelFlight's wishes to kill the imposter now, even if it meant loosing BrambleStar forever.

W/n wanted him gone after hearing AshFur had possessed BrambleStar's body, acting like the tabby still loved her and wanted to try again.

She decided to try and take a walk to clear her head, leaving camp she slowly walked around the forest, not knowing where her paws were taking her.

That was until she ended up at the WindClan boarder, close to the moonpool...

She didn't want to believe that StarClan was completely gone forever, so she padded up the hill and entered the mouth of the cave.

Gazing at the glittering pool she let out a small sigh and crouched down, ready to touch noses to the cold water.

"Well, well, well...if it isn't W/n...I knew you were coming here," a voice laughed behind her.

The Queen flinched and spun around, the imposter was standing at the entrance. "What do you want? And how did you know I was here?"

AshFur laughed darkly, "you see my dear, I never sleep in BrambleStar's body...I'm always watching you from afar~"

W/n shivered at her former mates words, before glaring at him and unsheathing her claws.

The brown tabby stared at her in disappointment, then his eyes burned with rage.

"Your going to attack me? After all we've been through, and how dare you pick SpiderLeg over me?!" He spat, walking dangerously closer.

W/n growled menacingly, curling her tail around her swollen belly, "SpiderLeg was your friend, AshFur!"

"Yes, but after you had kits with him he is just another one in the way of my sweet W/n..." AshFur meowed.

The p/c she-cat was on the edge of falling into the moonpool, she was praying that maybe StarClan will save her.

AshFur padded closer, and W/n struck him with a forepaw before trying to run past him, only to let out a Yelp of pain.

"Let go of me you piece of fox dung!" W/n yowled loudly, the brown tabby had dug his claws into her tail.

He then grabbed her scruff and dragged her back to the moon pool, ignoring her pitiful screams of protest.

She tried to fight back but couldn't due to the strength of BrambleStar's body, then water filled with stars blurred her vision.

W/n's mind went feral as she desperately tried to claw her way out of the water, AshFur was drowning her in the moon pool.

She tried to scream only to gulp in water, her eyes grew heavy as she was dragged further and further in.

Until everything became dark...